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CENTRE IS READY FOR SHOPPERS

AFTER all the waiting, the new-look £60 million County Square shopping centre opens its doors tomorrow – transforming the town into a major shopping destination.

The eagerly-anticipated extension to the popular town centre complex will double its size and breathe new life into the very heart of the town.

Running just a week late – with the delay blamed on bad weather conditions this winter – the centre is anchored by a massive three-storey Debenhams store which has created 150 jobs alone.

Other new outlets opening for busi-

■ BY ED HILL

ness for the first time on Thursday will include fashion giants Next, H&M, River Island, New Look and Jane Norman.

And more big names are promised as centre chiefs continue negotiations to fill the remaining new units.

Commercial manager at County Square, Frances Burt, said: "We are in talks with a lot of people, and the negotiations are going extremely well. But until we actually put pen to paper we can't reveal who they are. But they will be familiar names."

Jo James from the Invicta Chamber

of Commerce, which represents local businesses, believes the expanded centre will finally see the town delivering on its promises to be a genuine shopping destination.

She said: "This is great news for the town. It is what we have needed for a long time. I think it is positive for the whole of Ashford, whether it is businesses or its residents. It now means the town has a lot more to offer people.

"This will revive the town centre and encourage people from Ashford and further afield to come back into the town. The fact that we have a much better shopping area also encourages other businesses that are

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TOWN IS ON THE UP

A glimpse inside the expanded County Square reveals state-of-the-art design for a centre which should finally allow Ashford to compete with neighbouring towns.

Tomorrow's unveiling will be followed on April 26 with a special family fun day to celebrate the complex's opening.



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Villagers to fight lorry park plans

■ BY ED HILL

MORE than 100 angry villagers in Sellinge gathered on Monday to discuss battle plans to fight proposals for a 70-hectare lorry park to ease the problem of Operation Stack.

As exclusively revealed in last week's Yourashford, a rural site between junctions ten and 11 of the M20 – on land bordering Sellinge, Smeeth and Aldington has been earmarked for a 3,000-strong lorry park.

The site, which will cost £40m, will ease the problems caused on the motorway when Operation Stack is phased in, while providing a permanent lorry park for 500 trucks.

But villagers are furious at the proposals and say they intend to fight the plans, which they say will blight their homes and way of life.

Shocked

Although identified as Kent County Council's 'preferred site', planning permission, funding and the acquisition of the land all stands in the way of it getting the green light – with the park unlikely to be ready for business until 2010 at the earliest.

At Monday night's meeting at the village sports and social club, chairman and local resident Ronald Lello said the entire community had been shocked by the news of the lorry park's proximity.

He said: "At the moment we are all getting to grips with what is happening to the village at this time."

Not only does the village have the prospect of fighting the lorry park, but also plans for a massive recycling plant opposite the Airport Cafe.

The meeting began with an address by Sean Furey from the



EXCLUSIVE: Yourashford revealed plans for M20 lorry park last week

Campaign to Protect Rural England, who said that the lorry park was not the solution to Kent's transport problems.

He said: "The problem is that the growth of lorry traffic is growing faster than it can keep up with. Once this park is full we will have to look for another site and then another."

David Plumstead, who has campaigned against other road and waste issues in the past, said the villagers should consider non-violent direct action to protest against the lorry park and the recycling plant.

Ashford council has said it will consult with local people before there is any prospect of the park going ahead.

Villagers in Sellinge now plan to set up a co-ordinated campaign against both the lorry park and the waste plant. Proposals include setting up a website, establishing a petition and the creation of a fighting fund.

New-look centre to boost local economy

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looking to relocate in the borough. I can't wait to use it myself."

The County Square development is part of a massive £600m which is being invested in the town due to its growth area status.

And with plans afoot to persuade other retailers in the town to open on Sundays, it is hoped millions of additional pounds will start to flow into the local economy as people opt to shop in town rather than travelling to nearby Canterbury or Maidstone.

In order to accommodate the extra shoppers due to flood into the town, a free shuttle bus service will operate during peak shopping periods, between the temporary car park in Dover Place and the Stour Centre.

The centre has also added 220 extra spaces to its car park, bringing the total to 600 – all of which will be available from tomorrow.

Thursday's opening of the new complex will be followed by a glitzy official ceremony on April 26, when entertainment and family fun events will be laid on to draw attention to the shopping experience now on our doorstep.

• What do you think of the new County Square complex? Once you've experienced it let us know by emailing us at yourashford@kosmedia.co.uk.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Stack problems on agenda at meeting

TRANSPORT experts from Britain and France met at the Ashford International Hotel yesterday to discuss the problems of freight travelling across the county.

And according to experts, freight traffic in the county is set to double from 3.5million in 2005 to 7.1m in 2030.

The problems of freight transport in the county were highlighted by the longest-running Operation Stack, caused by French ferry officers strike which finally ended on Friday.

• See www.yourashford.co.uk for the full story.

Post offices will not be bailed out by KCC

KENT County Council has ruled out the chances of it taking over the running of post offices threatened with closure.

It had been hoped the council may follow Essex County Council's example which says it may take over running 15 post offices that are said to be no longer viable. But KCC say they will not follow suit.

Three Ashford branches are to close, in Beaver Road, Hythe Road and Gladstone Road, South Willesborough.

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Pizza place topping is burnt in big blaze

■ BY ED HILL

PIZZA Express chiefs say they expect to be welcoming diners again within days – despite a blaze ripping through the restaurant's roof on Sunday morning.

More than 40 firefighters tackled the inferno which started in flats above the restaurant in North Street at around 7am.

As fire and police experts probe the debris to discover the cause of the fire, the restaurant says it expects to be back in business by the weekend.

A spokeswoman for the popular chain, Harriet Harrison, said: "The fire caused some damage to the rear of the building and the roof, but the customer areas were unaffected."

"The restaurant will be closed for a few days but should reopen before the weekend. The cause of the fire is still under investigation."

At the fire's peak, neighbouring flats were evacuated and several surrounding roads were closed to prevent the blaze spreading to nearby properties.

No-one was injured during the drama which took place through much of Sunday as emergency services battled to bring the fire under control.

A fire brigade spokesman said: "We were called to the incident at 7.10am. When fire fighters arrived at the scene the roof and the second floor was well alight."

"Seven fire engines attended the scene. Firefighters used breathing apparatus to carry out a full search of the building but everyone was accounted for."

The building has suffered substantial dam-



Picture: PAUL ROUGHTON

FIRE DAMAGE: Pizza Express should be back serving up food for hungry customers by the weekend, say management

age in the fire. A quarter of the roof has been damaged by smoke and water, along with some of the two floors below.

The fire was contained to the restaurant building and by 3pm the operation was being scaled down.

The firefighters' spokesman said: "Efforts made by fire crews managed to prevent the fire spreading further."

"This was the reason so many resources were sent to the scene."

The firefighters cut away part of the roof to allow ventilation to get into the building.

The spokesman added: "This was to prevent lateral fire spread."

"A lot of cutting away of the roof structure was needed to prevent it spreading any further."

Vaccinate all your livestock, farmers told

BLUETONGUE still poses a significant threat to farming businesses in the borough according to the National Farmers' Union new chairman for Kent.

Kevin Attwood, who has a farm near Doddington, says farmers need to protect their animals against the disease as soon as they can.

Mr Attwood said: "This virus has the potential to devastate the sheep sector and cause severe impacts on cattle enterprises."

The NFU is urging all livestock keepers, large and small, to contact their vet and express an interest in buying vaccine now.

"Our advice come May will be 'don't hesitate, vaccinate'. We have an opportunity to protect our livestock and we won't be deliberating – healthy livestock are essential to a farmer's livelihood – and we'd like to see 100 per cent uptake of vaccine for the vaccination programme to be effective."

One of the first cases of the disease was found at a sheep farm in Boughton Aluph last year.

The disease is passed from animal to animal by midges.

It had been hoped that a severe winter might kill off many of the insects but so far temperatures have not dropped low enough.

High-tech swoop proves expensive for one motorist

A CRACKDOWN on law-breaking motorists in Tenterden delivered one remarkable catch – a motorist who was forced to cough-up £1,300 in outstanding debts.

He was captured by the latest high-tech licence plate recognition system as police, the council, the DVLA and the Department of Work and Pensions blitzed motorists flouting the law.

And after his previous fines were presented to him – he paid up there and then.

Operation Solar, which took place on Friday, March 7, on the A28 between Betchersden and High Halden, hauled in a number of drivers to face the music.

Remarkably, out of all the cars stopped, officers discovered traces of illegal drugs in 22 of the vehicles.

Six vehicles were seized, four having no insurance. One person was arrested for driving a stolen car and possession of drugs.

Two were arrested for possessing stolen lead and numerous tickets were issued for defects on vehicles.

Police ran the operation by using a van equipped with automatic number plate recognition devices deployed at strategic locations on the A28.

Ashford council joined in on the act too – issuing two £300 fines for carrying waste without a licence.

Police found traces of drugs on 22 of the vehicles by taking swabs of the cars in a system called Ion Track drug testing.

Sgt Rachel Lovell said: "The day was very productive."

"We have sent out a strong message to members of the public who commit crime and vehicle offences, via the high profile policing and subsequent results, that such criminality will not be tolerated."

If you have information about vehicle crime you can contact police on 01233 660747.

Medical centre given all clear

PLANS for a multi-million pound medical centre on the Eureka Business Park have jumped the first hurdle.

Council planners gave outline plans for the £50 million 'centre of clinical excellence' the thumbs up – but say traffic issues must be resolved.

Concerns have been raised over the amount of traffic using junction nine of the M20 for the building, which, as reported in Yourashford last week, would boast 36 in-patient bedrooms, four operating theatres and create 150 jobs.

Ashford council also wants to negotiate with the developer over contributions towards community facilities.

Though privately funded and operated, the clinic could also provide additional diagnostics and elective surgical capacity for NHS-funded patients.

Cllr John Kemp, portfolio holder for planning and development, said: "This centre will help meet the needs of an expanding population by providing additional capacity which the NHS can utilise to supplement existing medical facilities."

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Station is on track for Disneyland Paris

THE route to Brussels may have been cut, and Paris services reduced, but passengers wanting to catch a Eurostar service direct to Disneyland Paris this summer from the international station have some good news.

Starting from July 18, extra new services will be laid on between the park in Paris and Ashford International. The extra trains will provide an additional 33,000 seats to and from the resort, with tickets now on sale.

The services will start at the new London St Pancras terminal.

Former barracks to get yet more homes

MORE homes are heading towards the new Repton Park development on the site of the old Templar Barracks.

Council planning chiefs gave the nod for a further 99 homes on the 50-hectare site, which, when completed will boast 1,250 homes in addition to shops, a primary school, doctor's surgery and a community centre.

The first phase of the development, consisting 83 homes, was recently completed, and phase two – comprising of a further 124 homes is already well underway.

Specialist habitat help for landowners

LANDOWNERS from around the borough can now get advice on how to manage specialist habitats such as chalk grassland, orchards, wetlands and meadows.

The Kent Downs Area of Natural Beauty group, based in East Brabourne, has produced a pack which includes advice and contact details of groups that can help.

The group says the packs are available to anyone who owns a field farm or garden in the borough. To download one, log-on to www.kentdowns.org.uk.

Vic pieces together charity campaign

CHARING star Vic Reeves has helped to launch an unusual campaign for the Aspinall Foundation at Port Lympne.

The Mosaic Appeal raises money by people buying virtual tiles that make up an image of a gorilla and its baby.

The picture is made up of 2,400 tiles each costing £10. Commercial sponsors

New dentists takes the pain out of crisis

■ BY ED HILL

THE problems of finding a dentist in the town have been eased thanks to a new dental suite due to open later this month.

To be housed in the St Stephens Health Centre in Stanhope, the suite is set to provide cover for an additional 1,800 patients.

The news comes as a welcome relief for those looking to sign up to an NHS dentist after we revealed in January an emerging crisis in dentists taking on new patients.

But it is hoped the new state-of-the-art facility will take up much of the capacity that is required for the town.

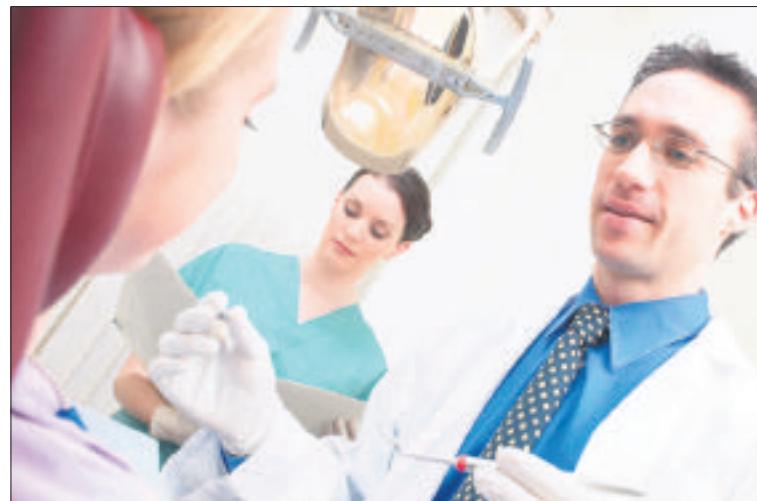
NHS spokesman Gary McFegan said: "The Eastern and Coastal Kent Primary Care Trust has been investing more money in local dental services and is pleased that the practice at St Stephens is able to take on some of that capacity, providing cover for an estimated 1,800 extra patients."

The new dental suite is run by the practice Beaconsfield Dental Services which offers both private and NHS treatment. It is expected the new suite will draw patients not only from Ashford but surrounding areas.

The practice will also have a few places for emergency cases that are referred to it.

Wole Adeloye from Beaconsfield Dental Services said: "Stanhope is an area that needs good dental services. We need to get people to accept dental treatment as part of their everyday health rather than just treating them when pain occurs."

"Without the NHS money, running a practice there would not be economically viable. Part of



STATE-OF-THE-ART: A new dental suite is to be housed in the St Stephens Health Centre in Stanhope

our work not only involves treating patients but also trying to raise awareness about dental health in the community."

Mr Adeloye says patients can expect treatment from the latest equipment such as digital X-ray machines and full jaw X-rays.

He said: "When we started our practice at the health centre a little over 12 months ago, we had a waiting time of four months for NHS patients. That is now down to two weeks."

The shortage of NHS places at dentists up

and down the country has been a recurring problem in recent years, as the cost implications have seen more and more dental practices opting instead only to handle private work. Even then, spaces have been limited.

Anyone who is interested in registering with this dental practice or needs a dentist in the Ashford locality should call the NHS Primary Care Trust on 0800 085 6606 where they can obtain details of all NHS dentists in the Eastern and Coastal Kent PCT area.

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Firemen pedal up support

THREE firefighters are set to swap their hoses for pedal power in a charity cycle ride from Land's End to the Pilgrims Hospice in Hythe Road.

The three men – Andy Harris and Paul Boxall from White Watch and Kevin Teagle from Blue Watch – will set off on their three-day trip on June 3, with all money raised from the 345-mile ride going to two good causes.

Charities benefiting will be the Pilgrims Hospice and the Fire Service Benevolent Fund.

The trio have had special bikes provided to

them – along with mechanical support – by the Beaver Road Halfords store.

Crew manager Andy Harris said: "It's quite daunting; we have to do 100 miles on a bike saddle each day. We have already begun the training towards it."

Luke White from Halfords said: "We always like to promote cycling in any we can and seeing as these guys are doing the ride it should be good for them and good for cycling."

You can see more about the firemen's cycling exploits by visiting our free, broadband website – www.yourkenttv.co.uk.


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WASTE OF MONEY: MP Green says the best way to stop people getting into the country is through better policing

'ID cards won't stop illegal immigration problem in the UK'

■ BY ED HILL

DAMIAN Green has taken another swipe at the Government's controversial plans to introduce identity cards.

The local Conservative MP, speaking in the latest of a series of exclusive video interviews with Yourashford – and available to see, in full, via our free online broadband TV channel www.yourkentv.co.uk – believes the cards will not tackle the problem of illegal immigration.

He said: "The ID scheme is an expensive waste of money that will not stop people who are trying to get into the country illegally such as those stowing away in the backs of lorries."

The MP says the best way to stop people getting into the country is through better policing than spending the estimated £20 billion on the ID card scheme.

He said: "I think a much more cost-effective way of dealing with illegal immigration would be to spend the money on bringing together the police, the immigration service and customs. There are many objections to ID cards anyway when it comes to giving

over all our information to a government that is well known for losing it."

"People are attracted to the UK because we still have a relatively unregulated economy compared to France and Germany. It is seen as a country that is easy to get into and once you have groups of people here then word spreads back to their country of origin."

The MP's opposition to the introduction of ID cards was supported by James Pellat-Shand who runs the Canterbury branch of the campaign group No2ID.

He said: "All the ID card will do is drive illegal immigrants underground and make them even more marginalised than they are already."

Mr Pellat-Shand is urging those opposed to the introduction of ID cards in the town to now join forces and set up an Ashford branch of the No2ID group.

He said: "We already have groups in Dover, Thanet and Folkestone and we would welcome anyone who wants to start a group in Ashford themselves. We would give them all the help and support that we can."

Log on to tell us your views on ID

WHAT do you think of plans for ID cards?

As of later this year, foreigners from outside the EU will need to register their biometric details – and next year the scheme will be extended to people working in high-risk areas. In 2010 it will be made available to students and a year later issued when you renew your passport.

Log on to www.yourkentv.co.uk to hear Damian Green's views – then email us at yourashford@kosmedia.co.uk with your views.

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yourashford NEWS IN BRIEF

Ice cream company scoops festival place

THE Simply Ice Cream Company from Bonnington has been selected to showcase its wares at the Real Food Festival which takes place at London's Earls Court on April 24-27.

The festival chooses products that are available from farmers' markets around the country.

Sally Newall who set up the company in 2005 said: "We are delighted to have been selected to take part in this exciting festival. The show recognises the passion and dedication that goes into making superb food and drink. For us to be able to attend such an event and sample our product to the thousands of attendees will really put our ice cream on the map."

The event will also include cookery workshops and a chef's theatre.

The panel of judges who selected the products include food writer Rose Prince, Anthony Davidson of LocalFarmShop.com and Mathew Drennan, editor of Delicious magazine.

Eco campaigner Zac Goldsmith said: "What we eat is a central issue. This festival will help to change the way we think about our food."

Visit www.realfoodfestival.co.uk.

Spring exhibition to display local artists

THE Courtyard Gallery at the Mersham-Le-Hatch Business Village will be holding its spring exhibition on March 20.

The show will display of paintings, prints, ceramics and photographs by Kent artists.

Artists who will be showing their work include: Jennifer Clare Shotton, Mike Calver, Nikki Tritton, Angela Lyon and Carol Calver.

The exhibition is open from March 20 until April 27, Tuesdays to Saturdays from 12 noon until 5pm and Sundays 12 till 4pm. The gallery is closed on bank holidays.

For more details contact Margaret Bracewell on 01233 501995 or visit www.thecourtyardgallerykent.com.

Woodland garden buries closure fears to open

FEARS a popular woodland garden would be forced to stay shut this year have been eased after it was confirmed the attraction in Challock will be open in time for Easter.

Amid fears it was going to have to close for good after a troubled winter, the popular Beech Court Gardens will be open, with a host of events lined up for the Sunday and Monday.

Organisers say the Oast House Tearoom will be open for business, while an Easter trail will be lined up for children.

Essential work will then see it close only to reopen again in April until September.

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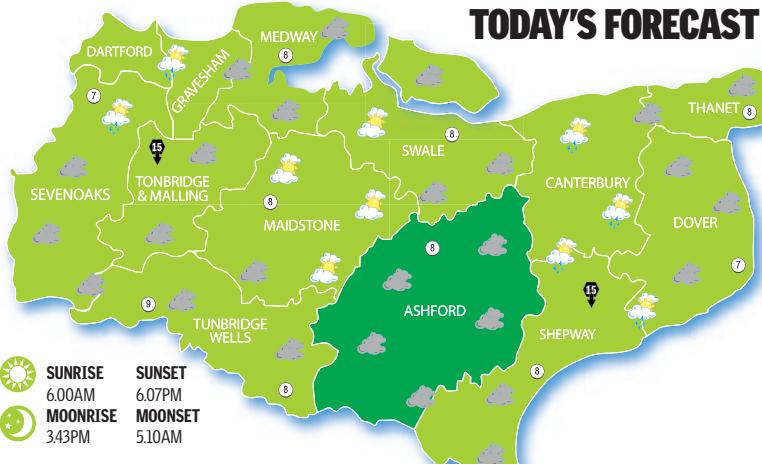
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TODAY'S FORECAST



WEEKEND HIGH TIDES

	Saturday	12:06pm	5.9m
	Sunday	12:45pm	6.0m
Dover	Saturday	10:30am	6.2m
	Sunday	11:02am	6.4m
Dungeness	Saturday	10:19am	7.0m
	Sunday	10:57am	7.3m
Ramsgate	Saturday	11:00am	4.7m
	Sunday	11:32am	4.8m
Sheerness	Saturday	11:55am	5.7m
	Sunday	12:35pm	5.7m
Whitstable	Saturday	12:13pm	5.3m
	Sunday	12:53pm	5.3m

FIVE-DAY KENT FORECAST

	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
Ashford	8°C	9°C	10°C	10°C	8°C
Canterbury	7°C	8°C	8°C	8°C	7°C
Chatham	8°C	8°C	9°C	8°C	6°C
Dartford	8°C	8°C	10°C	8°C	7°C
Dover	7°C	7°C	7°C	7°C	6°C
Faversham	8°C	8°C	9°C	8°C	6°C
Folkestone	7°C	7°C	7°C	7°C	6°C
Gillingham	8°C	8°C	9°C	8°C	6°C

	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
Gravesend	8°C	8°C	10°C	8°C	7°C
Maidstone	8°C	8°C	10°C	9°C	8°C
Ramsgate	7°C	8°C	8°C	8°C	7°C
Rochester	8°C	8°C	9°C	8°C	6°C
Sevenoaks	7°C	7°C	8°C	7°C	6°C
Sittingbourne	8°C	8°C	9°C	8°C	6°C
Tonbridge	8°C	9°C	10°C	8°C	7°C
Tun Wells	8°C	9°C	10°C	8°C	7°C



AROUND THE WORLD YESTERDAY

Amsterdam	6°C	Madrid	16°C
Athens	17°C	New York	7°C
Barcelona	16°C	Paris	8°C
Beijing	14°C	Rome	17°C
Bombay	33°C	Sydney	27°C
Cape Town	28°C	Tenerife	22°C
Cardiff	7°C	Tokyo	15°C
Gibraltar	20°C	Vancouver	7°C
Hong Kong	24°C	Warsaw	6°C
Las Palmas	21°C	Wellington	19°C

THE redevelopment of Stanhope has been shortlisted for a major prize.

The annual Private Finance Initiative Awards celebrate outstanding collaboration between the private and public sector.

The £200 million Stanhope project signed between Ashford council and the Chrysalis Consortium last April has been included in the best community involvement category.

Clr Peter Wood, portfolio holder for housing, said: "From the beginning, the council put in place structures that would ensure the community had a leading role in every decision taken on its behalf. That relationship not only fostered a wider sense of 'buy-in' but, importantly, enabled the council to present a project brief to private sector bidders which was shaped, endorsed and driven by the community."

The project will replace nine unpopular blocks of flats with more than 400 quality new homes. There will also be a new retail centre and other improvements to the area.

So far 85 of the 323 council-owned homes have been refurbished and construction is under way on four of the ten development sites.

The awards ceremony will take place at London's Grosvenor House Hotel on Tuesday, April 29.

Mr Wood added: "To be shortlisted for this award is a superb achievement in itself and just reward for a lot of hard work. Here's hoping we can go one better on the night."

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Q & A

As part of our successful on-going Your Money - Your Loss! crackdown on benefit fraud, the deputy leader of Ashford council, Paul Bartlett discusses why it is so important to beat the cheats with reporter **Ed Hill**

Q How long have you been connected with Ashford?

A I first moved to Ashford in 1976.

Q What do you like about the area and the town?

A The town is a unique place to be, small enough to retain its sense of identity but large enough to meet most requirements.

Q How did you get involved with Ashford council?

A I was first elected as councillor for Mersham, Smeeth and Sevington in May 1999.

Q What techniques does the council use to detect benefit fraud?

A About half the cases we investigate are detected through data-checking. We share information with a vast range of organisations – such as the Department For Work and Pensions, Inland Revenue and Kent County Council – and run regular data-matching services. If someone is claiming housing or council tax benefit the data search might reveal they are earning money which they have not declared to us.

The other half come from information from members of the public – tip-offs about colleagues or neighbours who appear to be claiming what they are not entitled to.

Q What do you see as the role of benefit fraud investigation in the community? What do you hope to achieve?

YOUR MONEY - YOUR LOSS!
CRACKDOWN ON THE BENEFIT CHEATS

A Our team plays a vital role in tracking down, prosecuting and exposing people who are cheating the community by fraudulently claiming benefits. Benefit fraud is not a victimless crime. Every penny dishonestly claimed is money we ought to be spending on improving the borough for residents and visitors.

As well as clawing back the money – fraudsters are made to pay back every penny as well as face fines and the prospect of a prison sentence – our work sends out a loud and clear message that we will not tolerate cheats.

We want housing and council tax benefits to go to the people who genuinely need it, so we can spend the rest of our tight budget on delivering vital public services.

Q How is our Your Money, Your Loss Campaign helping you achieve that?

A Since the start of the campaign we've seen a big increase in the amount of public tip-offs we are receiving thanks to the extra publicity and that's fantastic. The campaign reinforces the fact that all honest, hard-working people are losing out thanks to a greedy minority of fraudsters. I am very grateful for the help

that the campaign has given us. It also highlights the potentially very serious punishments handed out by courts for benefit fraud.

Q Ashford is a transport link to Europe. Do you feel more European?

A Being able to travel to Europe does not automatically mean we should feel more European. Europe remains remote and detached from most people's day-to-day lives. It is important that we continue to be part of Europe so that we can exploit the opportunities that it offers but we should not integrate for the sake of doing so.

Q Do you have a secret hobby or interest that people might be surprised to learn about?

A No secret hobbies but I do enjoy racing and showing my greyhounds.

Q Did you have any childhood heroes? What was it you admired about them?

A I admire anyone who is prepared to question what they are told. So often we hear that there are no alternatives and we must accept whatever is said. But this is so often not true – a determination to find other ways can achieve so much. We should always be prepared to challenge "authority" to try and do what is best.

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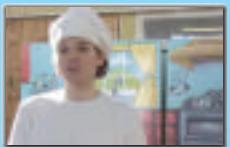
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Thousands travel to Kent leisure show

■ BY ROB LIVINGSTONE

MORE than 3,000 visitors attended the first Kent Travel and Leisure Show at the weekend, for what organisers are calling 'a phenomenal, successful event'.

Organisers had to open the doors early as the crowds gathered outside the spectacular Cruise Terminal 2 in Dover.

Inside more than 90 travel companies were represented, with something for everyone and to suit every pocket – from simple day trips in Kent to cruises around the world.

And there were plenty of chances to win holiday breaks. Travel giant Fred.Olson Cruises were giving the chance to win a variety of trips ranging from a three-night get-away to Europe, to a 14-day luxury cruise in a prize draw.

Folkestone-based Saga – the market leader in holidays for the over 50s – received hundreds of entries for the opportunity to win a cruise, and there were many other chances to win breaks and discounts at attractions across the county.

And for organisers at KOS Media – which also publishes this newspaper – it was conclusive proof that the idea for the show was a good one.

Event manager, Liz Hare, said the success demonstrated the demand for a top-level travel event outside London.

She said: "We had to open early because there were so many people, it was absolutely packed."

"The setting of the Port of Dover was perfect for the county's biggest travel and leisure show. Cruise Terminal 2 was a great venue for the show, we couldn't have asked for better."

Complete Cruise Solutions – which offers six leading cruise lines: P&O Cruises, P&O Cruises World Voyages, Princess Cruises, Cunard, Seabourn and Costa Cruises – even booked world cruises from visitors to their stand during Sunday's show.

Such was the level of demand that many com-



PHENOMENAL SHOW: Peter Shaw, Frances Shaw and David Wills demonstrate the delights of Thanet; below Liz Roberts from Tonbridge Castle.

panies had run out of brochures by midday and the popularity of the organised talks about different holidays, meant some presentations were limited to standing room only.

Ms Hare believes next year's show will build on the success of the inaugural event.

"It has shown that there is a huge demand for a quality travel show in Kent, next year's will be bigger and better."

KOS marketing director Richard Purvis said: "The show covered a wide range of travel and leisure and there was a very strong interest across the board."

"Exhibitors were obviously pleased, many saying they do a lot of these type of shows each year, but this was the best they had attended."

"Thanks to the level of interest every exhibitor we managed to see during the afternoon wanted to rebook for next year, and some want bigger and some more stands."



Join campaign to get Kent a network

ORGANISERS of a group on popular social networking website Facebook say users in the county are being 'ignored' by the site's chiefs.

Despite now having close to 30,000 members backing a call for users to be registered as living in Kent – and not London – Facebook chiefs are refusing to bow to public pressure.

The internet phenomena – which allows online "friends" to share messages, videos, music and messages – has a number of networks to which anyone who registers interest can be connected.

These include sites for different areas of the UK, and all major cities worldwide – such as New York, Sydney or Paris – have their own site. Such networks have become one of the current most popular ways of conveying information about upcoming events, as well as communicating breaking news.

But local users have remained frustrated that there remains no move to set up a dedicated Kent network.

Our sister paper, the Kentish Saturday Observer, first highlighted the problem last year. It prompted a flurry of media interest in the site and as the popularity of Facebook has grown so has the size of the group wanting action.

Stuart Baker is one Facebook user campaigning for a Kent network: "A while ago you featured a group who wanted a network for Kent... since your article the group has swollen to over 28,000 members and still we're ignored. Liverpool had a smaller group, but threatened to close all their accounts. They got a network within a week."

Such is the strength of feeling, there are now a handful of similar groups, all calling for a change in status.

The Facebook site calling for the county network appears with the following statement: "For some reason every other little village has a network and yet we have to bunk up with the London crowd. This is fine but... I'm not from London. I'm from Kent!"

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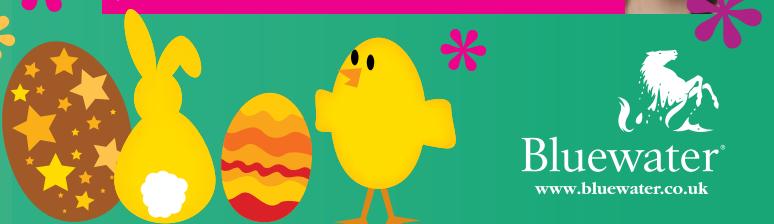
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Health secretary lends his support to our campaign

Hygiene in hospitals: it's down to all of us



SUPPORT: Alan Johnson says cleanliness in hospitals is a top priority for all of us to tackle

KOS Media's campaign to tackle superbugs through promoting basic hygiene has won the backing of Alan Johnson, the Secretary of State for Health.

Like us, Mr Johnson believes it is your responsibility to help our hard-working and dedicated NHS staff tackle healthcare-associated infections.

Simply washing your hands with liquid soap and water and using the alcohol provided in hospitals across Kent kills off bugs, including MRSA and Clostridium difficile.

And remember, if you don't think your consultant, doctor, nurse or other healthcare professional have washed their hands, challenge them, and if you are unhappy with hygiene standards in any ward, waiting room or GP surgery in the county, alert a member of staff.

This is Mr Johnson's letter of support to the campaign by NHS trusts across Kent and KOS Media.

Dear Readers,

TACKLING healthcare-associated infections and improving cleanliness in hospitals is a top priority for the Government and NHS, and we recognise that this is a key concern for the people of Kent. Patients have a right to clean and safe care wherever and whenever they are treated by the NHS.

Healthcare-associated infections are everyone's responsibility, from the chief executive, to the cleaner, to the clinician, to the public and to me. We all have our part to play in helping to prevent infections and treating them effectively if they do occur.

We published *Clean, Safe Care: Reducing Infections And Saving Lives* in January, which sets out the range of actions that are being taken across England to ensure we continue to make progress in tackling infections and improving cleanliness.

The rates of MRSA blood-stream infections have reduced significantly and we are currently on track to hit the challenging target of halving the number of cases by April 2008 from 2004 levels.

Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust is playing its part in this. I know that, since the trust prioritised infection prevention and control, it has driven down MRSA rates so that the trust is now the second-best-performing acute trust in the region.

We are beginning to see reductions in Clostridium difficile, with the latest statistics for the most vulnerable 65-and-over age group from the independent Health Protection Agency showing a reduction of 16 per cent against the same period last year.

After the tragic events of 2005 and the damning conclusions of the Healthcare Commission, I wanted to see and hear for myself, first-hand, how things had changed.

That is why I visited Maidstone Hospital, in November, to talk to staff, patients and some relatives of those who died.

I have also exchanged correspondence with Tony Charlton, one of the many local campaigners who is quite rightly holding everyone to account to ensure that hospital hygiene remains a top priority from the ward to the board and up to Whitehall.

During my visit, I was reassured by the scale of change – but none of us can afford to become complacent. We can only make the strides that are needed if we work together on this.

As I have already said, everyone has a role to play and I am, therefore, extremely pleased to see KOS Media's newspapers and the local NHS working in partnership to raise awareness of the actions that can be taken, such as good hand hygiene, to stop the spread of infections. I wish you every success in the campaign.

Yours sincerely,

Alan Johnson, Secretary of State for Health

KCC's top earners will remain secret

COUNTY Hall is refusing to reveal the names of its 16 civil servants who earn more than £100,000 a year – because it says it would infringe their human rights.

A request for their names by the Taxpayers' Alliance pressure group has been turned down by Kent County Council chief executive Peter Gilroy.

Mr Gilroy has said that he was nearly physically assaulted in a restaurant by a member of the public angry about the fact he has the biggest salary of any council official in England – around £230,000.

Clr Alex King, deputy leader of KCC, said: "The county council has taken further advice from the director of law and governance.

"His advice is that this involves striking the right balance between transparency and accountability. On the one hand you have individual human rights, and data protection. On the other is the position that we have previously taken to withhold the identity of individual officers is entirely justified in the circumstances and should be maintained."

Study hits out at Darling's Budget

THE people of Kent feel the Government does not reward hard-working individuals enough.

Hundreds of residents were polled by market research company Local Opinion for their reaction to Chancellor Alistair Darling's first Budget.

The majority questioned thought the Budget would hit single-working people the hardest – making it expensive to live on your own.

The poll also found that a third of those living in the county felt the Budget would be unhelpful for the UK economy.

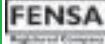
Forty-two per cent argued that Mr Darling should concentrate on building up reserves to guard against a slowdown of the economy and more than a third wanted a decrease in income tax.

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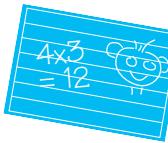


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A SPECIAL conference focusing on the Student Voice scheme has taken place at Kennington's Towers School.

Designed to encourage children to engage in their own education, Student Voice gives pupils more say in the running of their schools.

And delegates from around the county descended on the Faversham Road school – in an event organised by 30 students and staff.

Staged for schools who are members of the Specialist Schools and Academies Trust (SSAT), the agenda of the meeting was put together by pupils at the school and featured a host of innovative ideas.

Among the items was an introductory rapping and singing session about the ethos of the school called 'In Pursuit of Excellence', a DVD film made by one of the students and a presentation explaining the significant difference that Student Voice has made in the school. There were also workshops about collaborative lessons between students and staff.

■ BY ED HILL

Rosemary Colbourn, SSAT regional co-ordinator was delighted with the results. She said: "It was an outstanding event that should be replicated by other schools."

Catherine St Ville, assistant headteacher at Towers and the event's organiser said: "I am thrilled that such a huge diversity of students were involved in creating this innovative and lively occasion for the trust."

"It is vital to actively involve students in school improvement, so that they know we are all working together."

"The school continues to be at the leading edge of Student Voice innovation, with the intention of enabling every student's voice to be heard and listened to. This will mean that all our students 'buy-in' to their learning and school experience, allowing them to make as much progress as possible and become truly independent learners because every member of the school community will genuinely be working together."



INNOVATIVE: Sixth former, Natasha Schumacher, leading the conference icebreaker at Kennington's Towers School

BREAK TIME

Inspirational runner motivates pupils

PARALYMPIC gold medallist runner Tim Prendergast will be making three visits to the North School this year.

His first visit was part of a campaign designed to inspire young children through sport, sponsored by Sky TV and organised by the Youth Sport Trust.

The athlete met with a group of Year 8 and 9 pupils aged 12-14 and shared with them his achievements and gave a motivational talk.

The New Zealand star won his gold at the Athens Paralympics in the 800 metres. He has suffered nearly 90 per cent loss of his vision. This year he will be running in the 1,500 and 5,000 metres at the Beijing Paralympics.

The Sky Living for Sport programme uses athlete mentors to inspire children through personal stories from their childhoods and their experiences as successful athletes.

Biathlon competitors triumph at Bath Uni

FOUR students from Ashford School have won medals at the National Schools' Biathlon championships. This year's event was held at Bath University.

Biathlon competitions see the students compete in both running and swimming events.

The four students were Grace Nicholls, Natasha French and Grace's two younger brothers, Max and Euan.

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Cool Clarkson will have to play it safe next time

JEREMY Clarkson last week made his way onto the front pages of certain tabloid papers courtesy of taking a phone call as he made his way along the M40.

The Top Gear star was kindly snapped by a couple of passing motorists... meaning that for a few seconds at least, in one lane was a bloke travelling at 70mph using his phone... and in the lane next to him, a couple busily trying to draw alongside, with pound signs flashing in their eyes, trying him to take a photo of him.

There's an argument as to who was driving the most stupidly to be had here, but let's avoid that for the time being.

Because in this neck of the woods the chance of being able to travel along the M20, say, in two lanes, at such speeds, is something only the most optimistic lorry driver would believe as he spots the glowing red brake lights representing the latest phase of the seemingly never-ending Operation Stack.

In truth, the police could probably have an absolute field day at the moment as tens of thousands of us, wherever we live in the country, and wherever we are heading to, find ourselves stuck in traffic and making a sneaky phone call to tell work/loved ones we are going to be late.

And while not condoning phone use while driving, it does re-open the debate about the alternatives.

Bluetooth phones are one thing, but not all of us want to look like Uhura out of Star Trek with one of those funny little wireless things attached to our ears.

Where once City boys in London wore them as a badge of pride, affluence and power, today it's the fashion equivalent of wearing your keys on a chain attached to the rungs of your trouser belt, or clipping your mobile to your waistband. Not cool. At all.

Of course, some cars come complete with clever devices which allow you to speak without a phone clamped, illegally, to your ear, or looking like you have a hearing problem or are

stuck in a fashion timewarp. But then if you do drive past a policeman seemingly talking to yourself, the chances are they'll pull you over and the long-arm of the law will go rummaging in their pocket for their trusty notebook to ask why you appeared to be mouthing obscenities in their direction as you drove past.

And that scenario always relies on you getting the blummin' things to work properly in the first place, as opposed to acting out the famous train conversation of 'I'm in a train... I can't hear you... hang on, I'm going through a tunnel' as you cruise along the A roads.

I'm sure Mr Clarkson is considering all the options available to him. And as a man who has a curly perm and wears suit jackets with jeans, I confidently expect him to take his next in-car call... with an ear piece attached to his lug-hole.

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TALK TIME

TOM SHAW

The manager of the new Marfells of Kent greengrocers in the Upper High Street, discusses his business and life in the town



How long have you lived in the town?

I was born in the William Harvey Hospital, so I have lived around here all my life.

The shop seems slightly different from a normal greengrocers, why is that?

We like to think of ourselves as a farm shop on the High Street. We source as much of our produce from Kent as we can. We not only sell fruit and veg, we sell organic meat too. We bake our own bread and sell coffee, soup and sandwiches that we have made ourselves. We used to have a greengrocers shop down near Wilkinsons. We then opened a shop in Folkestone that was a big success, so we thought why not try it in Ashford? As the weeks have gone by we have just got busier and busier and we have not really advertised that much as well. It is mainly through word of mouth. We also supply food to a lot of local organisations.

How did you get involved in the shop?

The shops are owned by two brothers Mark and Stuart Finnis. I have been working for them for about ten years. It started out as a Saturday job and I have gradually worked my way up.

What else is happening in the shop?

In the next week or so we are going to start an exotic range of fruit and veg. There are a lot of Gurkhas who live in the town who say they have trouble finding the sort of fruit and veg they want to use in their cooking. So we are doing this to hopefully meet their needs.

What about your home life?

I have just become a new dad. I have a nine week old son. It was a shock at first but it's the best thing that could ever happen.

YOUR LETTERS

Landscape faces a stack of problems

While I know that Operation Stack brings our roads to a grinding halt seemingly every day, I cannot help but think creating a huge lorry park in our countryside is a backward step.

Ashford and its surrounding villages has already seen a gradual erosion of the beautiful landscape around us as new homes and estates spring up with alarming regularity.

Now those of us taking refuge in the country must face the roar of lorry engines night and day.

Gwen Taylor
Aldington

Will the public purse cover park costs?

I assume the money needed to fund this new massive lorry park will eventually come out of the public purse?

But surely it is the cross-Channel operators who must be asked to stump up some cash?

After all, Operation Stack only comes into force when there is a hold-up at the ports – more often than not due to industrial action.

When passengers for flights from airports find themselves facing hold-ups, it's not the public purse which finances their enforced overnight stays.

Laura Smith
Via email

Tired of stack issue, at last a solution

For heaven's sake – everyone complains about the problems



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caused by all the lorries parking in our streets or on the motorway, yet once a solution appears, everyone complains.

I'm sure having a lorry park

near your home is not ideal, but the location suggested is rural enough to prevent it causing problems for too many of us and at least we can all get to and

from work without adding an extra hour to our journey.

As Damian Green said in your paper last week, Operation Stack has a hugely damaging effect on the town's economic health and drags our reputation down every time our town is mentioned in news reports.

Hopefully, once this park is complete, we can finally put this sorry traffic saga to bed.

Gordon O'Sullivan
Via email

Lorry parks won't go down in history

So after being identified as a key housing growth area, we are now faced with being a growth area for jumbo lorry parks too?

What a great shame this historic town is being utilised in such a way.

Mr and Mrs H Kemble
Willesborough

Not healthy situation for town's roads

I read with interest about the outline planning application for the new medical centre on the Eureka Leisure Park (Healthy investment plan for new clinic, Yourashford, March 12).

However, if granted, will it not put a huge amount of pressure on traffic issues around junction nine, which is already very busy at the best of times?

I worry that the development of these areas will put increased pressures on key parts of the town and turn them into replicas of the problems seen at junction ten.

Dennis Cox
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Secret act, secret location, but we can get you there

INVICTA FM is once again bringing one of the UK's biggest artists to a secret venue in Kent.

Yourlocal has teamed up with Invicta FM and has two pairs of tickets for this brilliant act live at the secret location on March 31.

The as yet un-named act will be the latest in a string of UK music stars to join ranks with Kent's radio station and perform in front of just 200 people in an exclusive one off concert.

Jamie Cullum, Will Young, James Morrison and Natalie Imbruglia have already performed Live at the Local.

The exclusive James Morrison gig took place at the Old Brewery in Canterbury, when he played an hour-long set to a crowd of specially invited winners, performing hits such as Wonderful World and

You Give Me Something. Invicta also had Will Young Live at the Local at Chilham Village Hall, a great venue for such an artist.

For a chance to be part of the next Live at the Local, simply answer the question below and send your entry on a postcard along with your e-mail address (if applicable), name, address, and daytime telephone number to Live at the Local Comp, KOS Media, Apple Barn, Smeeth, Ashford, Kent, TN25 6SR. The closing date is March 26, 2008.

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Invicta FM will announce the act live on their breakfast show on Thursday, March 20.

Question: Which act performed Live at the Local in the Old Brewery, Canterbury?



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Pavarotti is back larger than life

Welsh brothers bring the story of the world's most famous tenor to the stage

THE legacy of world-famous opera singer Luciano Pavarotti is celebrated in an emotional new production.

One of the genre's biggest stars, in every sense, Pavarotti brought his art to the masses without compromising on his identity as an opera singer. Now Welsh brothers Wynne and Marc Evans are bringing their celebration of his life and work to Kent.

Supported by the Schomberg String Quartet and pianoforte, the brothers will trace Pavarotti's journey from his humble beginnings in Modena to the dazzling heights of La Scala and The

Met. They will be performing songs from Rigoletto, Tosca, Pagliacci, Madame Butterfly, La Boheme and many more.

The show will climax with an emotional rendition of Nessun Dorma, which became his signature tune.

"It's a real honour to be involved in a concert that pays tribute to the greatest singer of our generation, and possibly of all time," Wynne said.

"Not only did Pav have a great instrument, but he was undoubtedly the greatest technician ever."

Childhood

Pavarotti was born on the outskirts of Modena in Italy, the son of a baker and a cigarette factory worker. He had a poor but happy childhood and his father was reported to be a strong, if shy, singer.

World War Two forced them out of the city and into country lodgings, which led to the boy developing an interest in farming.

He also seriously considered a career as a professional footballer, though his mother convinced him to train as a teacher. But he had been heavily influenced by singers such as Giuseppe Di Stefano and Mario Lanza and eventually he could not contain his desire to become a tenor.

His father reluctantly

agreed to allow the move and he struck a deal with his son - Pavarotti would receive free board and lodging until he was 30, but if he failed to succeed by then he would have to return to a normal living.

He began studying music seriously at the age of 19 in 1954 and found he had a remarkable natural talent. But the first six years were not particularly successful and when he developed a nodule on his vocal cords he decided to give up on his dream.

However, this blow proved to be the turning point, as the release from stress seemed to not only banish the nodule but also improve his voice.

He gradually achieved his coveted success, singing all over the world and becoming a huge star in the opera world. But it was his performance of Nessun Dorma during the 1990 World Cup that made him a household name, bringing opera to football fans.

Over the decades he won a Grammy Legend Award, performed to crowds as big as 300,000, set world records and carried out many humanitarian projects. He died of pancreatic cancer in September 2007.

The performance starts at 7.45pm and tickets cost £22.50 and £20.50. Phone the box office on 01322 220000, or book online at www.orchardtheatre.co.uk.

PURE PAVAROTTI

Friday, March 21

Orchard Theatre, Dartford



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Saturday, March 22
Sinden Theatre, Tenterden

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For nearly 20 years, Dire Straits released enduring rock songs with their first album going multi-platinum



on a global scale. Massive hits such as Sultans of Swing, Romeo and Juliet and Money for Nothing assured their place in rock 'n' roll history. To date, the band and founding member Mark Knopfler have sold

more than 118 million albums.

The concert starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £10. To book visit the website at www.sindentheatre.biz or call the box office on 01580 763826.

Picture KENT TOURISM ALLIANCE



FLY up, up and away this Easter as Leeds Castle stages its first spectacular Kite Festival.

See an amazing variety of weird and wonderful airborne creations, some of which can fly up to 500ft and need to be tethered to vehicles to stop them floating away. The Skystarts kite display team will be showing colourful and unusual kites from all over the world, such as inflatable lobsters and a 25m squid.

KITE FESTIVAL

Friday, March 21 to
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As well as admiring the skies above the beautiful castle, young visitors can take part in an exciting treasure hunt with a tempting prize.

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Every child who completes the trail will also receive an Easter egg.

Tickets cost £14 for adults, £8.50 for children aged four to 15 and £11 for concessions. The grounds are open from 10am to 5pm, last admission at 3pm, and the castle is open from 10.30am to 4pm with last entry at 3.30pm.

Find out more online at www.leeds-castle.com.

WITS' END

Thursday, March 27
Queen's Hall Theatre, Cranbrook

EXPLORE Gershwin's New York with a witty evening of entertainment from the other side of the Big Pond.

Wits' End is a sparkling intimate revue, a tradition revived by Susan Flannery and Michael Lunts. Inspired by the Gershwins and the music of Cole Porter and Rodgers & Hart, the pair has put together a cocktail of witty songs and comic verse.

The music will be accompanied by observations of city life in the jazz era, as made by writers like Dorothy Parker, Ogden Nash and PG Wodehouse, to recreate a time of stylish sophistication.

Previous shows have included More Tea, Vicar?, a celebration of Middle England with the guidance



of John Betjeman, and the Noel Coward-inspired Pass The Port. Flannery and Lunts have performed as far afield as Australia. The performance starts at

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Festival to field a great mix of musical talent

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

THE RECIPE for a top summer festival is based on only two staple ingredients – a big field and live bands.

Organisers behind the Canterbury-based Lounge on the Farm three-dayer have taken these bread and butter basics and added a number of mouth-watering extras, the equivalent of half a dozen 'cherries on top'.

Take for example the bands already booked to play at the third annual event: eclectic rock 'n' rollers Art Brut, indie up-and-comers Black Kids and former Dexy's Midnight Runners frontman Kevin Rowland have already put pen to paper.

Just to clarify, that's Kevin Rowland, the voice behind wedding/end of disco classics Come on Eileen and Geno, to name but two classic Dexy's tracks.

Add a plethora of Kent-based bands such as Underground Heroes; Wild Billy Childish and the Musicians of the British Empire; Pete Molinari; Kitty, Daisy and Lewis; and Holly Golightly and the Broke Off to the line-up and the festival is already at risk of bubbling over.

But there's more. LOTF 2008 will boast its own cider, brewed locally at Pawley Farm, which has been busy fermenting in aged oak barrels for the past two years.

So we have top bands, a top venue in Merton Farm and specially-brewed alcohol to help keep temperatures down in the soaring summer sunshine.

A spokesman for LOTF said: "Kent's coolest festival returns for its third outing in July and it's even bigger and bolder than before with



TALENTED: Pete Molinari and Billy Childish are among the acts at Lounge on the Farm 2008

increased capacity and new stages.

"Last year's event established LOTF as a heavyweight festival with a uniquely local twist and 2008 is set to take the extravaganza to the next level.

"Set in the idyllic surrounds of Merton Farm, LOTF's rustic charms will play host to 160 bands spread across six stages, featuring everyone from local heroes and cutting edge acts to renowned heavy hitters."

The festival runs from Friday to Sunday,

July 11-13.

Early bird weekend tickets cost £65 for an adult, £35 for a child and £140 for a family, based on two adults and two children.

Full weekend prices are set at £85 for adults, £40 for children and £180 for families.

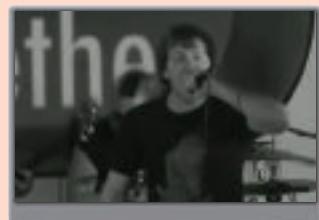
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Fashionable store has grand designs

■ Vida

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Based at the Mersham-Le-Hatch Business Village in Ashford, Vida stocks a range of accessories and opened its doors at the fast-growing site in November. And with well-informed staff on hand to give valuable advice, it is growing in reputation.

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"The designer handbags sell very well, particularly the Italian company, Ripani and London firm Billy Bag.

"Customer service is vital to running a business, alongside stocking the quality of goods to suit the requirements of customers. Staff must be knowledgeable about the products. In the case of Vida, the location

and design of the shop in a beautiful historic area can only add to the success.

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MUMS-to-be can collect double points and save ten per cent on selected pushchairs at Boots this Easter.

The popular high street store is offering customers discounted prices on a number of pushchairs which include brands such as Bebe Confort Loola and Maclaren Triumph. The pushchairs come in a variety of stylish colours and sizes.

See in store or www.boots.co.uk.

Open the book for a sale that's simply electric

SHOPPERS can kit out their kitchen at an affordable price thanks to a sale at Argos.

The catalogue store is offering customers up to half price savings on selected small kitchen appliances.

Splash out on a Russell Hobbs stainless steel gift pack, including a kettle and toaster for £29.99, or enjoy a grilled sandwich on a George Foreman grill for £39.99 – both products are half price.

For more information see in-store.

Seasonal styles on offer with some great savings

WANT an egg-citing new look this Easter? Then one of the biggest fashion chains could have just the thing for men wanting to snap up a bargain.

Burton is offering shoppers two polo shirts for £10 and two pairs of socks for £10 as well as savings of up to £15 on selected items including shirts and ties, trousers and shoes when you buy two.

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MEN could have no excuse not to eat a healthy breakfast thanks to Jordans Cereal's new Macho Muesli.

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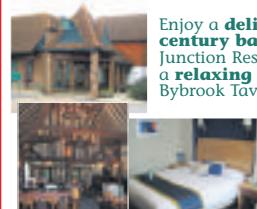
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YOUR TV REVIEW

■ BY TOM BETTS

DELIA

BBC Two, 8pm, Wednesdays
THE CURSE OF COMEDY
BBC Four, 9pm, Wednesdays

IN life there are three things on which you can rely: Death, taxes and Delia Smith... or so I thought.

The dependable face of British cookery, has not so much pressed the self-destruct button with her latest screen venture, but she's bashing it to kingdom come with a rolling pin.

Not content with wrecking the fortunes of a football club, Delia is now wrecking her own TV career.

Delia lost it for good around five minutes into the first installment of new series.

In a move that makes her now infamous "let's be having you" call to arms on the pitch at Norwich City look sane in comparison, she got out the pre-made, frozen mashed potatoes. Yep, Delia has ditched making her own ingredients in favour of using any old gubbins she can haul out of the freezer cabinets of the country's supermarkets instead.

This isn't so much cooking as cobbling something together in a way that makes Ready Steady Cook look like Heston Blumenthal.

I'm no stranger to junk food, but even I hadn't heard of frozen mash (used three times in half-an-hour), not to mention the bags of potato wedges and pre-grated cheese!

If Kerry Katona's gone to Iceland, Delia Smith has moved to the North Pole.

Most celebrity chefs will stop at nothing to promote their latest book, but Delia seems intent on clearing



BAD TASTE: Has Delia cooked up a stinker?

the show of cooking to make room for extolling the virtues of the Canaries instead. The programme also features a large helping of her husband, but here she is not just married to Michael, she's taking it out of us.

Coming next week: How to buy a Big Mac.

Keep an eye out for **Hancock and Joan** on BBC Four tonight.

The drama follows the breakdown of John Le Mesurier and wife Joan's marriage as she falls for inspired but flawed comedy icon, Tony Hancock (played here by Ken Stott).

Parts of this were filmed in Thanet and if previous efforts at this kind of throwback, uniquely British showbiz story are anything to go by, then we could be in for a real treat.

The BBC ploughed a similar furrow with the touching *Fantabulosa*, a look at the life of Kenneth Williams, a few years ago and came up trumps.

Hancock and Joan screens on BBC Four next Wednesday, but the Curse of Comedy season begins tonight with the Curse of Steptoe.

YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT

AQUARIUS

(Jan 21-Feb 19)
IT'S always been difficult for you to go on faith, and that is especially true this week. You're being asked to cast your doubts aside for the sake of a crazy dream. Unfortunately, you're not getting a lot of affirmation as far as this project is concerned.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aquarius** 09067-531762

TAURUS

(Apr 21-May 20)
A FITNESS regimen may not be as effective as you had hoped, but don't throw in the towel just yet. Give yourself a reward every time you achieve your exercise goals. Take a younger person's fears seriously. You don't like having your concerns brushed aside.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Taurus** 09067-531753

LEO

(Jul 24-Aug 23)
TRYING to catch up on work will be like wading through treacle. Distractions meet you at every turn. There's really not much you can do to improve this situation except to stay disciplined and stick at it. Happily, this trend of setbacks will end next week.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Leo** 09067-531756

SCORPIO

(Oct 24-Nov 22)
TRYING to relax will be very difficult, as there seems to be lots of drama surrounding you. If you're forced to take a stand, it may be better to issue a stern warning than impose a punishment. People have a tendency to overreact. Don't believe the hype.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Scorpio** 09067-531759

PISCES

(Feb 19-Mar 20)
SETTLING your debts may be easier said than done. Unexpected expenses keep eating away at your cash reserves. Fortunately, you're resourceful, and know how to stretch your money to the limit. Resist the urge to borrow money or a relationship could be damaged.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Pisces** 09067-531763

GEMINI

(May 22-Jun 22)
YOU'VE been looking forward to a break, but it could be postponed. Do your best to overcome your disappointment. Being positive makes all the difference between having a terrible or great week and your assistance is appreciated. Everybody feels overlooked these days.

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VIRGO

(Aug 24-Sep 23)
YOU long to do something nice for yourself, but may be hard pressed to find time. Everybody seems to want your help now. It's difficult not to feel resentful of all these requests. Try summoning your compassion, anyway. If you can be sympathetic your kindness will be rewarded.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Virgo** 09067-531757

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov 23-Dec 21)
LOOKING for validation from friends and family may be a waste of time. Although you'd never show it their lack of support is hard to take. You've always prided yourself on having honest relationships, but it's a problem when loved ones are truthful with you.

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ARIES

(Mar 21-Apr 19)
YOU want to connect with someone close to your heart, but your efforts may be rebuffed. It's possible this person has grown tired of waiting around for you. The best way to regain your friend's trust is through actions, not words. Beware of antagonising a touchy colleague.

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CANCER

(Jun 23-Jul 23)
SPENDING more time at home could be more difficult than you think. Relatives or roommates have grown used to a changed lifestyle so be sensitive to their feelings. By showing a little understanding to your nearest and dearest you'll make things a lot easier for yourself and them.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Cancer** 09067-531755

LIBRA

(Sep 24-Oct 23)
AS much as you want to be noticed for your contributions, it may not happen this week. Everybody else is preoccupied with their own issues and projects. On the plus side, your romantic life is going great making this a passion packed time to go on a first date.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Libra** 09067-531758

CAPRICORN

(Dec 22-Jan 20)
YOU could get lots of attention this week, and it won't all be welcome. Don't be so quick to voice your views, or you could wind up with egg on your face. At times like these, silence is golden. If pressed for an opinion, a simple "no comment" will be enough.

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Murder most horrid

■ BY LAURA WURZAL

AS WE finished dinner a woman staggered down the hotel staircase calling for help and vainly tried to remove the kitchen knife lodged firmly in her back.

The clues were already slotting into place on another typical night of high drama on a Joy Swift Original Murder Weekend.

Joy organised her first weekend in 1981 and since then has built up a business which earned her an MBE for services to tourism in 2001.

Surrounding herself with a group of actors, Joy's winning formula is to keep the weekend as realistic and contemporary as possible.

Until the detective completes his summing-up at noon on Sunday, guests must believe these characters are real people with credible motives for behaving the way they do.

Joy hosts weekends exclusively with Mercure Hotels, including the White Hart in Salisbury.

This elegant classical 17th century building, directly opposite Salisbury Cathedral, is perfectly placed to explore the city's shops.

The theme for our weekend – Brave Hearts – was slotting into place nicely over the welcome drinks. Joy was acting too, her character Ali swiftly establishing herself as a bitter,



DASTARDLY DEEDS: Could you solve a murder?

rude, suicidal drunk, either moaning about her life or arguing with fellow guests.

On our table sat a character called Tim, a man of 32 with the mental age of a 15-year-old boy due to a freak accident years earlier, who was left in tears after one confrontation with Ali. By the end of the evening she had been clubbed to death with a bottle.

The next morning we used our free time to explore Salisbury. Our first stop the cathedral, a magnificent early English Gothic structure built in the 13th century with the tallest spire in the UK at 404ft.

The most famous item in the cathedral is one of the four original copies of the Magna Carta, the charter signed by King John at

Runnymede in 1215. This milestone in British history placed constitutional restraints on both monarchy and state.

We found time too to explore the splendours of Stonehenge, over 4,000 years old and the crowning glory of the New Stone Age in Britain, which still looks awesome today.

Five stone archways are set in a V and inside sits a horseshoe pattern of 19 bluestones, brought all the way from Wales. Surrounding this centre-piece are two circles of stones, all aligned with an axis pointing to Midsummer sunrise on the longest day of the year.

Saturday's lunch was followed by an afternoon of games back at the hotel – and if anyone feared their sleuthing wasn't up to Miss Marple's standard, they could chase prizes in the music quiz, the bingo or wordsearch games.

Then it was back to our detective work, because soon afterwards there was a second murder and a blazing row, revealing further clues and possible motives.

Attracting singles, couples, groups of friends and even hen parties, murder weekends work because they get people to talk to each other.

Sunday's denouement was an exciting affair, with the detective revealing whodunit, and why. I was right in thinking Tim was behind all the murders, but missed out on his motive.

Joy's brochure describes her Original Murder Weekends as "25 years of fun, laughter and dastardly deeds".

Once you get the bug for sleuthing, you tend to go back for more.

DETAILS: SALISBURY



Laura Wurzal was a guest of the Mercure White Hart Hotel in Salisbury for Joy Swift's Original Murder Weekend.

Joy's 2008 Murder Weekends, exclusively at Mercure Hotels, from £240 per person, include a welcome reception, two night's half-board, Saturday lunch, Saturday night party and disco, and "Murder" programme with competitions, games, and actors.

White Hart Hotel reservations: 0870 400 8125, see also www.mercure-uk.com

Murder Weekend details are available from Joy Swift on 0151 924 1124 or visit www.murder.co.uk

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Jennifer shows her tough side

■ BY KATE WHITING

"ME mam, me dad and me nan saw it last night. I was rather worried because of all the swear words, but they loved it!"

Jennifer Ellison is speaking about her second-ever movie outing as a hostage in *The Cottage* - and she had reason to worry about her family's reaction to the film.

But it's not just her character's fruity vocabulary that might have disturbed her innocent grandma in the comedy horror - it's also the scene where she meets a sticky end at the hands of a deranged farmer.

Surely they minded that bit?

"No, they loved the film, thought it was great," the Liverpudlian says breezily.

Landing her first lead female film role, after a smaller part in 2004's *The Phantom Of The Opera*, is a big deal for the former *Brookside* starlet, but she's taking it all in her stride, insisting she wasn't nervous about the project.

"Not really, because everyone made me feel so welcome and at ease - it was just a pleasure," the 24-year-old gushes.

Jen plays Tracey, the daughter of a wealthy nightclub owner who is kidnapped by two brothers (Andy Serkis and Reece Shearsmith) and taken to a remote cottage.

But if the kidnappers thought tracksuit and Ugg-boot-clad Tracey would be the model hostage, they were wrong.

"She's the ultimate bitch," explains Jennifer. "She's very nasty and just awful to be around. I'd hate to be in her company, but she's a great character to play. She has some great one-liners, but I don't think many people will like her!"

As Tracey is bundled from the boot of a car, into the cottage and upstairs to a bedroom, she puts up a good fight and even manages to break a kidnapper's nose.

But Jennifer says she needed no training for

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the scrap. "It actually came naturally, which was rather worrying because my mum said she didn't know I could punch like that," she says.

The film is a tale of two halves. Feisty Tracey manages to overcome Peter (Shearsmith) - the weaker of the two brothers - and forces him out of the cottage at knifepoint before leading him through a wood to a secluded farmhouse.

And that's where things turn really nasty, as the pair come face-to-face with a disfigured farmer who has a penchant for chopping up trespassers.

Writer and director Paul Andrew Williams approached Jennifer about the role two years ago, but it wasn't until last spring they finally got to make the film.

"As soon as I read the script I just fell in love with Tracey. I was hoping [the film] would



LEADING LADY: Jennifer Ellison stars in *The Cottage*

come off because I just loved the part so much. She's such a strong character and, obviously, to be playing the female lead in a film is great."

The Cottage takes place entirely under cover of darkness, so filming started at 8pm and would go on until 5am.

After starring in the West End production of *Chicago* and again on tour last year, you'd think Jennifer would be used to such gruelling schedules, but apparently not.

"It was really tiring," she admits. "We had sleep deprivation, which would send people delirious and it was freezing. I was the only person who wasn't wearing a jacket, so it was very, very, very challenging!"

THE COTTAGE
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Stacey and Bev are proud to announce the birth of their son Tyler on the 1st March 2008, weighing 8lb 7oz at Pembury Hospital. Brother to Chelsea and Chloe.

BOORMAN

Louie John Darryl Boorman born on 29th February 2008, weighing 9lb 1oz. Son to Krista and Ben and brother to Darryl, in Ashford.

BOWBRICK

Florence Erica Bowbrick born on 26th February 2008, weighing 8lb 2oz. Daughter to Nick and Laura Bowbrick, sister to Joe Bowbrick of Allington.

BROWN

Simon, Clare and William Brown are delighted to announce the birth of Lara Eve and Edward Harry on 12th February 2008.

BRIDGEMAN

Timothy and Gina of Stanford, have great pleasure in announcing the birth of their son Harrison Willis Bridgeman, born on 3rd February 2008, weighing 5lb 11oz.

CHATER

Zoe is proud to announce the birth of her beautiful baby son Harvey. Dean Chater born on 20th February 2008 weighing 6lb 9oz. at 3.01pm. Welcome to the world xx.

CHENERY

Anne and Toby Chenery of West Malling celebrate the birth of their daughter Grace May Chenery on 27th February 2008.

COX

Helen and Darren Cox of Ditton celebrate the birth of their daughter Emily Grace Cox on 26th February 2008, weighing 6lb 11oz.

CRAWFORD

Annabel Jane born 2nd March 2008, weighing 8lbs 12oz. Daughter to Melissa and Adam Crawford of River Dover.

DAW

Rosie Louise born to proud parents David and Leanne on 4th March 2008 at 10.15pm, weighing 9lb 5oz.

DOWN

Kaylan Charlie Mohan born on 27th February 2008 weighing 5lbs 7oz, son to Hannah and Mohan in Rochester.

DRISCOLL

Amy May born on 2nd March 2008, weighing 6lb 1oz. Daughter to Damien and Nicola in Margate. Our most precious and beautiful daughter.

FORREST

Ruby Louise born on 28th February 2008, weighing 7lb 8oz. Daughter to Jane and Ian Forrest and sister to Jack in Maidstone.

GARDINER

John and Lisa are delighted to announce the arrival of their baby son James William. He arrived on the 27th February 2008 at 3.30pm and weighed 8lb 4oz. Michael and Chloe are very excited to have such an adorable new brother.

HARRIS-BEALE

Coben Henry born on the 29th February 2008 weighing 6lb 12oz. Son to Leanne and Tony of Tunbridge Wells. One way of saying how much your loved by all the friends and family

HAYWARD

Zara Imogen born on 2nd March 2008 at the William Harvey Hospital, weighing 6lb 13oz. Daughter to Julie and Graham of Park Farm Ashford.

HITCHELL

Richard and Gayle Hitchell of Tunbridge Wells are proud to announce the birth of their first daughter Emily Rose born 3rd March 2008 weighing 7lb 11oz.

HOWARD

Lucy Alicia born on 3rd March 2008 weighing 7lb 14oz. A Daughter to Richard Howe and Emma Noakes of Lydd.

HOWLAND

Ben and Rachel of Canterbury are proud to announce the birth of their son, Ashton Robert Howland, on 6th March 2008. A new baby brother for Kira.

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Ellora Stacey Ann born on 6th March 2008, weighing 9lb 1oz. Daughter to Chris and Cathy in Ramsgate. Welcome sister to Tommy.

KEELEY

Kaylan Charlie Mohan born on 27th February 2008 weighing 5lbs 7oz, son to Hannah and Mohan in Rochester.

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Brooke Kelly born on 5th March 2008, weighing 9lb 5oz. Daughter to Stephen Kelly and Hayley Stewart in Maidstone.

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MCDONALD

Olivia Kelly born on 10th March 2008, weighing 7lbs 11oz. Daughter to Derek and Dawn in Margate. Special sister for Emily.

MULLENDER

Malcolm and Anne of Dunkirk are delighted to announce the birth of their son, James Edward, on 1st March 2008 at William Harvey Hospital, Ashford. A new baby brother for Thomas and Emily.

OCKENDEN-CHEESMAN

Andrew and Sarah are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Olly Sydney Benjamin born on 20th February 2008 at the William Harvey Hospital, Ashford. A new baby brother for Kerry.

SMITH

Shannon Jessica born on 29th February 2008, weighing 9lbs 9oz. Daughter to Sarah and Liam in Ramsgate. Welcome sister to Caitlin.

SMITH

Elliot and Tracey of Herne Bay are proud to announce the birth of their son, Henry Michael, born 7th February 2008.

STEWARD

Katie Ellen born to proud parents Leslie and Deborah on 27th February 2008, weighing 6lb 10oz. Little sister to Steven and George.

STRINGER

Mark and Samantha of Blean, Canterbury are very proud to announce the birth of their beautiful baby daughter, born on 5th March 2008 at 10.58pm weighing 7lb 8oz.

TAYLOR

Mike and Chantal of Whitstable are proud to announce the safe arrival of their first son Warren Michael.

TROOPE

To Brendan and Amanda of Canterbury a beautiful daughter, Rachel Elizabeth Troope, born on 20th February 2008. A new baby sister for Liam.

RAISTRICK

David and Rachel Raistrick of Tunbridge Wells are delighted to announce the arrival of their baby daughter Emily Wendy Louise born 24th February 2008 weighing 7lb 10oz. A sister for Jai.

ROBERTSON

Stuart and Joanna Robertson of Tunbridge Wells are proud to announce the birth of their son Matthew William Robertson born 26th February 2008 weighing 6lb 4oz.

SAVOV

Faith Savov born on 7th March 2008, weighing 7lbs 13oz. Daughter to Marina and Galin Savov in Marden, Tonbridge.

SEAL

James and Laura Seal of Cranbrook proudly announce the birth of their son Andy James Fred Seal born 11th February 2008 weighing 3lb 11oz - our little fighter and a lovely brother for Kerry.

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CANE

Ivy Cane of The Grove Residential Home in Maidstone, formerly of Woodlands in Biddenden, died peacefully on 9th March 2008, aged 93. All enquiries to Sears Funeral Service on 01622 725035.

URQUHART-SELL

Peter and Caroline celebrate the birth of their daughter Eiley Marie, born on 7th March 2008 at the William Harvey Hospital, weighing 9lb 12oz. A sister for Jai.

WALDRON

To Robert and Amy of Herne Bay a beautiful son, Freddie Ray, born on 28th February 2008 at Margate hospital.

WALKER

Chris and Kirsty of Hildenborough proudly announce the birth of their son Riley William Walker born 19th February 2008 weighing 7lb 3oz.

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Faith Savov born on 7th March 2008, weighing 7lbs 13oz. Daughter to Marina and Galin Savov in Marden, Tonbridge.

WATTS

Layla Nicole born on 29th February 2008 at QEQM, weighing 7lb 5oz. Daughter to Alana and Kevin Watts of Dover.

WOODLAND

Becky and Woody of Ramsgate celebrate the birth of their beautiful daughter Brooke Olivia on 3rd March 2008. Mummy and Daddys special little angel.

WRIGHT

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DEATHS

BOTH

Ronald Albert Both of Gravesend passed away peacefully after a short illness. Much missed by her husband and loved ones. Cremation at Barham on 27th March at 12:40. Thanks giving at the Baptist Church Middle Wall Whitstable at 2.30pm.

BUSH

Raymond Aubrey of Hythe Kent, (former Ashford G.P.), passed away peacefully on 8th March 2008 just before his 90th birthday, after a short illness. Will be sadly missed by his family and friends.

CANE

Ivy Cane of The Grove Residential Home in Maidstone, formerly of Woodlands in Biddenden, died peacefully on 9th March 2008, aged 93. All enquiries to Sears Funeral Service on 01622 725035.

COSSEY

Ann Cossey, passed away peacefully at QEQM Hospital Margate on Tuesday 11 March 2008. She will be sadly missed by all the family and her many friends. Remembrance Service to be held at St.

Peters Parish Church, St. Peters, on

Wednesday 19 March at 1.30pm. Followed by private cremation.

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cancer. A beloved mum

to Annette, Gary,

Roger Phil and Tim.

A much loved Nan to all

her many grandchildren, also Peter.

She will be very sadly

missed by all who

knew her. The funeral

was held on 13th

March at Barham

Crematorium. If

desired any donations

to Cancer Research.

WATTS

Layla Nicole born on

29th February 2008 at

QEQM, weighing

7lb 5oz. Daughter to

Alana and Kevin

Watts of Dover.

HULL

Pansy Hull nee Kemp passed away peacefully on the 8th March 2008 at Darent Valley Hospital and will be sadly missed by her family and friends. Remembrance Service to be held at Gravesend

salvation Army Citadel 10.30am

Tuesday 25th March 2008

followed by

cremation at Medway

Crematorium at

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to the Salvation

Army c/o Morris

and Partners Ltd of

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Gravesend who will

also deal with any

enquiries.

HUTCHINGS

Les Hutchings died

peacefully at

Ashley Down

Nursing Home on

4th March 2008.

Funeral at Eltham

Crematorium

Wednesday 26th

March at

10.45am. All family

and friends

welcome. Flowers

or donations to

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Thank you for your

kind words of

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Peter Linda and

David.

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PROPERTY NEWS

Chancellor budgets for greener living

A SERIES of eco-friendly moves were announced in chancellor Alistair Darling's budget which are intended to help households looking to go green.

Energy companies will now be obliged – through the Carbon Emissions Reduction Target (CERT) – to give their customers superior deals for energy efficiency measures.

Cavity wall insulation and loft insulation will also be made available to nearly three million homes, along with more energy efficient appliances and light bulbs.

Mr Darling also offered £26 million to the Green Home Service with the further aim of cutting bills for homeowners through a reduction in consumption.

There were also ambitious plans for extended use of meters in domestic properties to offer incentives to reduce carbon consumption.

The chancellor also unveiled a target to make all non-domestic and commercial property zero carbon by 2019 – in addition to earlier pledges to ensure all new-build homes were carbon neutral by 2016.

Mortgage scheme is going for gold

FOLLOWING last week's budget, the proposal for Government backed so-called "gold standard" mortgages is still on the agenda.

The chancellor confirmed a working group to investigate the feasibility of such a scheme would be established.

The Government plans to launch a new system which will grade all mortgages, with the most secure given a gold standard Kitemark.

The scheme is intended to make it easier for lenders to sell on mortgages to investors by providing them with greater reassurance about the quality of the loans they are signing up for.

The new system is designed to re-open the market for wholesale mortgage financing. It is hoped that getting the wholesale money markets working again will provide banks with access to cheaper funding, which could result in lower mortgage rates for consumers.

Government statistics show some £100 billion worth of mortgages are funded by secondary borrowing (using funds from money markets rather than deposits), making up 30 per cent of the UK market.

Price slump won't be so bad for us to bear

■ BY NICK AMES

THE county's property market is looking in better shape than elsewhere in the UK according to a recent survey from estate agents Cluttons.

Good transport links to London and the south coast mean some areas of the county have been benefiting from price rises in recent years, but at a reasonable level.

This suggests Kent is now in a position to emerge on a path of continued growth should prices see a blip as there has not been the huge rises seen elsewhere in the South East.

"I think one of the advantages Kent might have in the next year or so is prices haven't gone up quite as much – they haven't been as crazy as in Guildford and places like that," said James Best-Shaw, a Cluttons partner.

"If there is a price adjustment you might see perhaps five per cent come off in Kent whereas you could see 20 per cent off elsewhere."

The consultancy also finds there is a ready-made market in the county waiting for good value properties to emerge.

"In the mid-term this should ensure sufficient demand to prop up prices amid a wider slump.

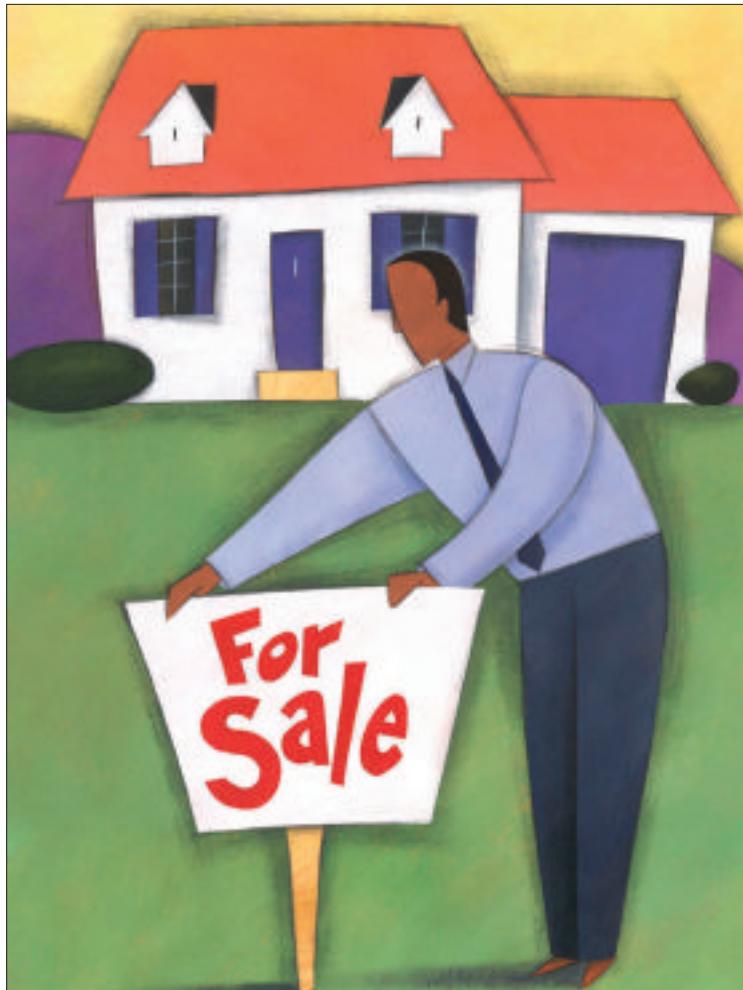
"There are so many people sitting in rented accommodation who are looking for houses for £500,000 upwards and they think they deserve a bargain," explained Mr Best-Shaw.

"If you offer them just a little bit of value they'll come in very strongly because they don't want to sit in rented forever, they want to get on with their lives."

While investors have customarily looked to the towns of Sevenoaks and Tunbridge Wells, these are perhaps not the best investments in the present climate. Prices have increased dramatically in these towns and could now fall dramatically.

In response Cluttons is urging to buyers to consider up-and-coming locations such as Ebbsfleet, only 20 miles from London and surrounded by countryside.

Other recently identified property futures hotspots have been identified as Folkestone and Ramsgate – both are towns which seeing investment in infrastructure and due to benefit from the high speed link to London.



WAITING: Many people are sitting in rented accommodation whilst they wait for the right property to come up for sale

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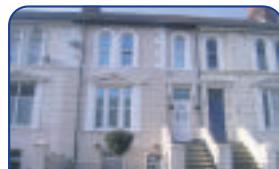
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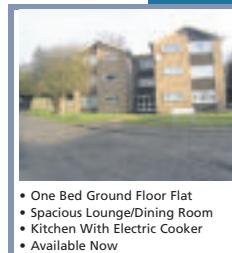
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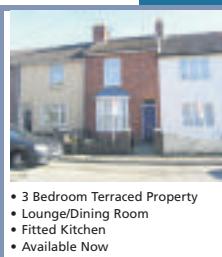
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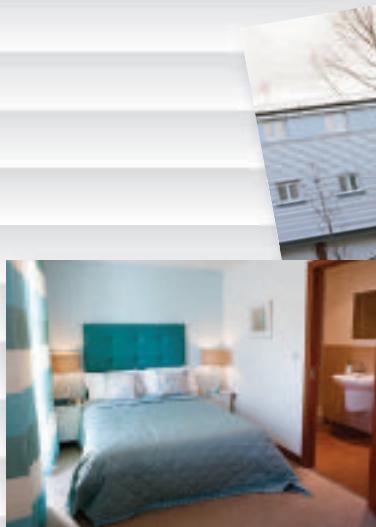


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New Suzuki/Vauxhall baby's budget boost

CHANCELLOR Alistair Darling's Budget crackdown on bigger cars could not have been better timed for Vauxhall and Suzuki.

Both will launch a space-efficient, environmentally friendly small car over the next few weeks – most versions qualifying for the lowest band of road tax.

The newcomer is a Suzuki design, to be sold by the Japanese marque as the Splash and replacing the boxy Wagon-R mini MPV, while Vauxhall's version replaces its Wagon-R clone, the Agila, and carries on that name.

Three engines will be offered across both ranges: 64bhp one-litre three-cylinder (Agila only) or 85bhp 1.2-litre four-cylinder petrol units or a Fiat-derived 74bhp 1.3-litre turbodiesel.



Chrysler 'heavy' gets even tougher for '08

WHETHER you like the Chrysler 300C saloon or estate for looking like a Mafia hitman's wheels or a poor man's Bentley, it has been a big success for Chrysler.

With the optional 'Bentley' mesh grille, the 300C looks like it should cost twice what it does, which is from just £27,495 despite a facelift for the '08 model.

There is also an all-new Mercedes-powered diesel flagship (pictured, from £32,495) with 'SRT-Design' features, as used on the 6.1-litre V8 SRT-8 (£40,995) petrol-powered performance flagship.



Hyundai goes the extra length for i30 Estate

HAVING launched one of the more stylish newcomers to the Ford Focus or family hatchback sector recently, Hyundai was under pressure to come up with a good looking estate version.

The Korean marque has risen to the challenge; the new i30 hatchback platform has been stretched by 50mm to boost leg and headroom and manages to be practical and spacious without looking too utilitarian.

Prices start from £12,995 with generous standard kit and goes on sale on April 2.



CREDIT WHERE IT'S DUE: The new Nissan Pathfinder might seem a bit rough and ready, but you cannot argue with its honesty and excellent values

4x4 equals value for money with Pathfinder

RATHER like dragging a brickie off a building site and squeezing him into a tuxedo, Nissan has done the same with its rugged Navara 4x4 pick-up.

The result is the budget seven-seat 4x4 Pathfinder, a car that can wear that ambitious name and its new estate car suit, yet cannot quite hide the dirt under its fingernails.

The Pathfinder should still find a way through rougher terrain, helped by a rugged four-wheel drive system, low ratio gear option and a robust separate chassis.

However, it stumbles where it is likely to spend most of its life – the road. This is the legacy of a commercial 4x4 origin and a restraint on ambitions to challenge the dearer Land Rover Discovery 3.

However, the Pathfinder is relatively compact – shorter than a Vauxhall Vectra Estate and only slightly higher than a Chrysler Voyager MPV.

The overall effect is quite elegant too, if that

ROAD TEST

NISSAN PATHFINDER

■ BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

word can be applied in the SUV (sports utility vehicle) class.

Buyers laugh all the way to the bank too with prices from £23,995, even if the journey is less than smooth thanks to the Pathfinder's habit of leaning into corners and being unsettled by rougher surfaces.

The Pathfinder line-up no longer offers a petrol engine, but the single 2.5 dCi turbodiesel option is a good all-rounder and capable of averaging around 30mpg.

It is fairly refined generally and relaxed on the motorway, although the sluggish five-speed automatic gearbox of our car didn't do it any favours and the general driving experience is sapped by lifeless steering.

Loading into the capacious rear is helped by a relatively low floor and a tailgate that splits to allow loading through the upper section if needed.

Space for five in the main cabin area is excellent, though the two extra seats are really only suitable for kids.

Even basic trim levels are generous and cabin ambience is one of pleasant durability without flashiness, while reliability is virtually guaranteed.



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USED CAR ROUND-UP: OUR PICK FROM A KEY SECTOR

MAZDA MX-5



MAZDA'S simple yet highly effective sports car – now in its third generation – started the recent stampede for 'wind in the hair' motoring in the UK. It was designed as a reliable successor to classic British sports cars and uses the traditional front engine/rear drive layout. The two-seater handles brilliantly and can be fitted with a hardtop for year-round motoring; you may even find a Mark-III folding hardtop (CC) model on the used market – at a price.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

VAUXHALL TIGRA



THERE have been several takes on the coupe roadster/budget convertible theme lately, but the Tigra is the best. You get a well-built stylish car that looks good 'top down' or with the electrically-powered hard top raised. On the practical front, it is only a two-seater and the retracted roof does rob the boot of some space, but there is still plenty of stowage there and behind the seats. Above all, it's fun to drive – best exploited by the 1.8 Sport.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

PEUGEOT 206CC



PEUGEOT's 206CC was not the first folding hardtop car to hit the modern market, but it did spark booming interest in the type. At the time it was the ultra-chic spin-off from one of Britain's best-selling superminis, and also benefited from being a genuine 2+2 model, though you do lose more than half the boot space in 'roof down' mode. The styling is more to female tastes, but it makes a great buy subject to checking that the roof works properly.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
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For further information and an application form contact:
Michelle Thomas (Nurse manager)
0845 434 9655
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Public Services Lecturer

Ref: T1315

Folkestone

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The closing date for receipt of all completed application forms is Wednesday 26th March 2008.

For further information, including salary details and an application pack for the above vacancy, please contact the Human Resources Department on either 0845 207 8222 (24 hour answer phone), email: humanresources@southkent.ac.uk or visit www.southkent.ac.uk

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Saturday 8-5pm

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To apply for this position, please send your C.V. to Louise Mitchell, Porsche Centre Tonbridge, Brook Farm, Five Oak Green Road, Tonbridge, Kent TN1 1QX or email louise.mitchell@porschetonbridge.co.uk. Applications close 31 March 2008.



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A job description and an application form can be downloaded from the school's website - www.minstercollege.org.uk or alternatively please contact: Mr Chris Swan, Personnel Manager, Minster Road, Minster on Sea, Sheerness, Kent ME12 3JQ. Telephone 01795 873591.

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS: 12 Noon on 25th March 2008.

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Senior Activities & Welfare Co-ordinator

£22,488 to £25,672 per annum

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Candidates must have excellent organisation and communication skills, an understanding of student needs and previous experience of working with young adults or a similar client group is essential. A sport or youth work qualification would be useful, as would some knowledge of welfare systems and previous line management experience. The role is full-time, working 37 hours per week Monday to Friday, but will also require flexibility of hours to support some evening student activities.

To receive an information pack and application form please telephone the Human Resources Department on 01732 850551 or e-mail: jobs@hadlow.ac.uk.

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For further information, please contact Stuart Gibbons on 01622 221958 or Mark Lumsdon-Taylor on 01732 853266.

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Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing Date: 26 March 2008

To apply/more information

Mrs C Knight
Brompton Westbrook Primary School
Kings Bastion
Brompton, Gillingham ME7 5DQ
Phone: 01634 844152
Email: office@bromptonwestbrook.medway.sch.uk

Dean Wood Primary Ed. Technology School

Key Stage 2 Teacher
Salary: MPS/UPS
Full time and temporary
Term of contract: 2 Terms
Required From: 21 April 2008
Closing Date: 21 March 2008

To apply/more information

Mr Robin Halls, Headteacher
Deanwood Primary Ed. Technology School
Long Catlis Road
Parkwood
Gillingham ME8 9TX
Phone: 01634 231901
Email: headteacher@deanwood.medway.sch.uk

Featherby Junior School

Inclusion/SEN Teacher
Salary: MPS/UPS + SEN 1
Full time and permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing Date: 4 April 2008

To apply/more information

Mr Paul Green, Headteacher
Featherby Junior School
Chilham Road
Gillingham ME8 6BT
Phone: 01634 231984
Email: office@featherby-jun.medway.sch.uk

Gordon Junior School

Year 3 Teacher
Salary: MPS/UPS
Full time and temporary
Term of contract: 2 Terms
Required From: 21 April 2008
Closing Date: 20 March 2008

To apply/more information

Mrs Harding, Office Manager
Gordon Junior School
Gordon Road, Strood ME2 3HQ
Phone: 01634 719971
Email: headteacher@gordon-jun.medway.sch.uk

Hempstead Junior School

Key Stage 2 Teachers
Salary: MPS/UPS
Full time and permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing Date: 28 March 2008

To apply/more information

The School Office
Hempstead Junior School
Birch Grove
Hempstead ME7 3SD
Phone: 01634 371823
Email: office@hempsteadjnr.medway.sch.uk

Hilltop Primary School

PPA Teacher
Salary: MPS/UPS
Part time and temporary
Term of Contract: 2 terms
Required From: 21 April 2008
Closing Date: 25 March 2008

To apply/more information

Pat Merritt
Hilltop Primary School
Hilltop Road
Frindsbury
Rochester
ME2 4QN
Phone: 01634 710312
Email: office@hilltop.medway.sch.uk

Stoke Community School

KS 2 Teachers
Salary: MPS/UPS
Full time and temporary
Term of contract: 2 terms
Required From: 21 April 2008
Closing Date: 20 March 2008

To apply/more information

Mrs Carolyn Casettari
Stoke Community School
Lower Stoke
Rochester ME3 9SL
Phone: 01634 270268
Email: headteacher@stoke.medway.sch.uk

Twydall Infant School

Year 1 Teacher
Salary: MPS/UPS
Full time and permanent
Required From: 21 April 2008
Closing Date: 25 March 2008

To apply/more information

Mrs S Fedosiuk, Headteacher
Twydall Infant School
Twydall Lane
Gillingham
ME6 6JS
Phone: 01634 231761
Email: headteacher@twydallinf.medway.sch.uk

Hoo St Werburgh Primary School & Marlborough Centre

Key Stage 1 & 2 Teachers
Salary: MPS/UPS
Full time and permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing Date: 31 March 2008

To apply/more information

Mrs Faye McDonald
The School Office
Hoo St Werburgh Primary School and Marlborough Centre
Pottery Road
Hoo
Rochester
ME3 9BS
Phone: 01634 338040
Email: office@hoo-st-werburgh.medway.sch.uk

Hoo St Werburgh Primary School & Marlborough Centre

Key Stage 1 & 2 Teachers
Salary: MPS/UPS
Full time or part time and temporary
Required From: 21 April 2008
Closing Date: 31 March 2008

To apply/more information

Mrs Faye McDonald
The School Office
Hoo St Werburgh Primary School and Marlborough Centre
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Phone: 01634 338040
Email: office@hoo-st-werburgh.medway.sch.uk

St Benedict's Roman Catholic Primary School

Key stage 1 & 2 Teachers
Salary: MPS/UPS
Full time and permanent
Term of Contract: 2 terms
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing Date: 3 April 2008

To apply/more information

Mrs Barbara Salamonczyk, Headteacher
St Benedict's Roman Catholic Primary School
Lambourn Way
Lordswood
Chatham
ME6 8PU
Phone: 01634 669700
Email: headteacher@st-benedicts.medway.sch.uk

To apply/more information

Mrs Mrs Barbara Salamonczyk, Headteacher
St Benedict's Roman Catholic Primary School
Lambourn Way
Lordswood
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ME6 8PU
Phone: 01634 669700
Email: headteacher@st-benedicts.medway.sch.uk

St James' C of E VA Primary School

Key Stage 2 Teacher
Salary: MPS/UPS
Full time and permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing Date: 3 April 2008

To apply/more information

The School Office
St James' C of E VA Primary School
Isle of Grain
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ME3 0BS
Phone: 01634 270341
Email: office@burntoak.medway.sch.uk

The Pilgrim School

Key Stage 1 Teacher (job share)
Salary: MPS/UPS
Job share and permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008

To apply/more information

Mrs S Fedosiuk, Headteacher
The Pilgrim School
Warwick Crescent
Borsal, Rochester ME1 3LF
Phone: 01634 841873
Email: office@pilgrim.medway.sch.uk

Walderslade Primary School

Reception Teacher
Salary: MPS/UPS
Full time and temporary
Term of Contract: Maternity cover
Required From: 12 May 2008
Closing Date: 25 March 2008

To apply/more information

Mrs A Milne, Headteacher
Walderslade Primary School
Dargets Road
Walderslade
Chatham ME5 8BJ
Phone: 01634 861660
Email: headteacher@walderslade-pri.medway.sch.uk

Senior Leader

St Benedict's Roman Catholic Primary School
Senior Leader of Teaching and Learning
Salary: MPS/UPS + TLR2C (£2364)
Full time and permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008

To apply/more information

Mrs Mrs Barbara Salamonczyk, Headteacher
St Benedict's Roman Catholic Primary School
Lambourn Way
Lordswood
Chatham
ME6 8PU
Phone: 01634 669700
Email: headteacher@st-benedicts.medway.sch.uk

Year Group Leader

Delce Junior School
Year Group Leader
Salary: £1 - 4 (£34,938 - £37,623)
Full time and permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing Date: 3 April 2008

To apply/more information

Mrs Hill
(Head Teacher Designated)
All Saints CE Primary School
Magpie Hall Road
Chatham ME4 5JY
Phone: 01634 338922
Email: headteacher@allsaints.medway.sch.uk

To apply/more information

Mrs Julia Knight, Business Manager
Delce Junior School
The Tideway
Rochester ME1 2NJ
Phone: 01634 845242
Fax: 01634 300063
Email: knigj017@medway.org.uk

Deputy Headteacher

Burnt Oak Primary School
Deputy Headteacher
Salary: £3 - 7
Full Time and Permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing date: 20 March 2008

To apply/more information

Mrs Gill Perry, Headteacher
Burnt Oak Primary School
Cornwall Road
Gillingham ME1 7LP
Phone: 01634 852991
Email: office@burntoak.medway.sch.uk

Hoo St Werburgh Primary School & Marlborough Centre

Deputy Headteacher
Salary: £11 - 15
Full Time and Permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing date: 31 March 2008

To apply/more information

Miss Joanne Trickett, Headteacher
Hoo St Werburgh Primary School
Pottery Road
Rochester ME3 9BS
Phone: 01634 338040
Email: office@hoo-st-werburgh.medway.sch.uk

Walderslade Primary School

Deputy Headteacher
Salary: £5 - 9 (£38,559 - £42,564)
Full Time and Permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing date: 25 March 2008

To apply/more information

Mrs Angela Milne
Headteacher
Walderslade Primary School
Dargets Road
Walderslade ME5 8BJ
Phone: 01634 861660
Email: headteacher@walderslade-pri.medway.sch.uk

Key Stage/Phase Manager

All Saints CE Primary School
Key Stage/Phase Manager - KS1
Salary: MPS/UPS + TLR 2b
Full Time and Permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing date: 26 March 2008

To apply/more information

Mrs Hill (Head Teacher Designated)
All Saints CE Primary School
Magpie Hall Road
Chatham ME4 5JY
Phone: 01634 338922
Email: headteacher@allsaints.medway.sch.uk

All Saints CE Primary School

Key Stage/Phase Manager - KS2
Salary: MPS/UPS + TLR 2b
Full Time and Permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing date: 26 March 2008

To apply/more information

Mrs Hill
(Head Teacher Designated)
All Saints CE Primary School
Magpie Hall Road
Chatham ME4 5JY
Phone: 01634 338922
Email: headteacher@allsaints.medway.sch.uk

Assistant Headteacher

Walderslade Primary School
Assistant Headteacher
Salary: £3 - 7 £36,708 - £40,590
Full Time and Permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing date: 25 March 2008

To apply/more information

Mrs A Milne
Headteacher
Walderslade Primary School
Dargets Road
Walderslade
Chatham ME5 8BJ
Phone: 01634 861660
Email: headteacher@walderslade-pri.medway.sch.uk

SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Teacher

Greenacre School
Teacher of PE
Full Time and permanent
Salary: MPS/UPS + TLR 1b (£9,981)
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing date: 30 April 2008

To apply/more information

Mrs A J Reese
Headteacher
Greenacre School
(A Specialist Sports College)
Bradfields Avenue
Chatham ME5 0LE
Phone: 01634 861593
Fax: 01634 689246
Email: office@greenacre.medway.sch.uk

The Howard School

Head of Technology
Salary: MPS/UPS + TLR 1C (£8405)
Full Time and Permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing date: 4 April 2008

To apply/more information

Mr P G Morris, Principle
The Howard School
Derwent Way, Rainham ME8 0BX
Phone: 01634 388765
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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Organic food delivery expands into county

ORGANIC home delivery company Abel & Cole is expanding its business in Kent with plans to create 40 new jobs in the area over the next three years.

With the assistance of investment promotion agency Locate in Kent, it has leased a new delivery depot in Aylesford.

The new depot will be used as the main distribution centre for deliveries across Kent especially opening up the south east of the county, East Sussex and South East London.

Abel & Cole has taken more than 5,000 sq ft of space at Larkfield Trading Estate and plans to seek out local farmers to add to its network of more than 60 independent growers and producers.

All produce is ethically sourced and organic, or from a sustainable source where no organic certification exists.

It delivers to some 40,000 consumers across the country each week.

Calls for Fairtrade to be brought into work

WITH Fairtrade Fortnight just finished, Kent businesses are being encouraged to go Fairtrade in the office.

Whilst so-called ethical, locally produced or Fairtrade products are increasingly found in British homes, they have not made it into office kitchens or works canteens, according to Business Link.

More than £300m is spent on Fairtrade in the UK and the organisation is encouraging more of us to enjoy the same at work.

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Farmers can associate

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It has been set up through the initiative of their managers, most of whom are volunteers.

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Should the county council keep its nose out of business?

Small success but it's a man's world

SMALL businesses based in Kent are among the most productive in the country.

Almost half of small companies in Kent are producing new products and services, according to the latest small business survey by the department for business, enterprise and regulatory reform.

The survey for 2006 and 2007, which is the most comprehensive study into enterprise in Britain, shows that 65 per cent of Kent's companies with fewer than 250 employees have ambitions to grow over the next couple of years.

And 83 per cent of Kent's small business had no problems obtaining finance from the first source they tried, compared to the national figure of 75 per cent.

But the results revealed that only 14 per cent of companies were led, or owned, by women.

Announcing the results, business minister Shrita Vadera said the absence of female bosses was harming the economic well-being of the country.

Challenge

Getting more women into business is a challenge, not just for gender equality but for national economic success.

"We would have 700,000 more businesses if proportionally as many British women as American women started businesses."

Caroline Chambers, manager of the Channel Chamber of Commerce, said child friendly

■ BY ROB LIVINGSTONE

policies had made it possible for women to have a family and return to work without affecting their position, but female bosses did not have that luxury.

"Their businesses would not stand the pressures of them being absent for up to a year whilst having a baby, and combined with the high cost of childcare this figure is not surprising."

Disappointing

"Whilst women have managed to break through the glass ceiling of the corporate board room and are well represented in senior positions within the public sector, it is disappointing to see that only 14 per cent of small businesses with employees are led by women."

Thirteen per cent of small businesses also cited red tape as being one of the main obstacles to their success.

Ms Chambers said this was not surprising as the rules for employing staff, paying taxes, and transporting goods were not simple.

"The local government planning framework for businesses in the south east is a minefield and can lead to costly delays," she said.

"Government needs to do more to make it easier for our businesses to compete on a level playing field with the rest of Europe, whilst increases in hidden taxation like rises in fuel duty need to be minimised."



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Injuries prompt yet more relegation fears



RELEGATION FEARS: Ashford's season has been blighted by injuries to key players

AFTER relegation from the London leagues, Ashford RFC would have expected to have been challenging for promotion in Kent One this season but a succession of injuries have hit the club hard.

Ashford are now third from bottom in the division and with just two games to go, they will need to pick up some points if they are to avoid back-to-back relegations.

Up next are Sittingbourne on March 29 before Ashford travel to Erith in the last game of the season on April 12.

Assistant head coach Martin Kelly points to last weekend's 43-12 win against Dartfordians as a turn-

RUGBY

ing point for his team.

He said: "It has been a hot and cold season for us this year.

"After coming down from the London leagues last year we thought we would be challenging at the top end of Kent One but injuries have hit us really hard this year.

"Losing our captain Paul Lake to injury was hard to take and has affected the team.

"The convincing win we had against Dartfordians was very important and I think we will definitely stay in this division."

Kelly hopes the club will be able to pick up enough points in the next few weeks to stay up so the club can rebuild for next season's campaign.

Another four points from their remaining games could see them finish mid-table, and Kelly thinks that would be a fairer reflection.

He said: "We have still got Erith and Sittingbourne to play and we have beaten them both this year so we are confident we can repeat that and secure our place in Kent One.

"Next year I hope that we can get a lot more youngsters coming through from the colts team and more coaches involved so we can rise up the league once again."

Reserving their place in the final

A PLACE in the final of the First/Second Division Cup final awaits Ashford Town reserves as they take a lead into the second leg of the semi-final.

The reserves beat Deal Town 2-0 on Saturday in the first leg at the Homelands and will be confident of finishing the job off when the two sides meet again on Easter Monday. It looks likely Ashford will face Dartford in the final as they won their semi-final first leg 1-0 against Margate.

Ashford resume league action next Saturday when they face a trip to run-away league leaders Dover Athletic.

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Adam Miller feels refereeing decisions has cost the Gills in recent weeks

Ash get burnt by rampant Ashford

ASHFORD's game with Burnt Ash in Kent and Sussex Regional hockey league went to plan as they ran out 6-1 winners at the weekend.

The 1st XI have already won the league and it was a bit of a mismatch on Saturday as they trounced the division's bottom side.

Ashford are nine points clear and will be looking to end the season on a high with a win in their last game before they prepare for promotion to the national league.

The club take on Old Bordenians on Saturday looking for their 19th win of the season.

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IN THE HUNT: Ashford Town's players show they are all together in their hopes of making the play-offs, while Anthony Hogg (inset) scored his first for the club at the weekend

Victory makes Town hopeful for play-offs

FOOTBALL

■ BY TOM HOWARD

Walton & Hersham 1 Ashford Town 2

on the edge of the penalty area, who took one touch before planting a low shot into the corner of the net. It was Hogg's first goal for the club since his move from Sittingbourne and was also Town's 14th individual scorer this season.

Hogg almost doubled his tally but his looping header hit the bar and striker Mark Lovell was unable to convert after being swamped by the Walton & Hersham defence.

Ashford almost went behind three minutes before the break when goalkeeper Jamie Riley dropped the ball at the feet of Jon Neal who stroked it home, but the referee had already awarded a corner and the goal was chalked off.

Town scored the winner eight minutes into

the second half with a contender for goal of the season. Jones picked the ball up 30-yards from goal and rather than holding the ball up, he let fly with an audacious shot that flew past Richard Stroud in the Walton & Hersham goal.

A delighted Lovell said: "It was a very good performance as we played very well considering the bad start we had."

"I was always confident we would score and to be honest we had a lot of chances."

The Town boss was delighted to see Jones score again after coming back from a hamstring injury and with the striker back in action, he hopes there is a chance Ashford can sneak into the play-offs.

He said: "The result has kept our season alive and it is still all to play for. If we can keep on winning you never know where we could end up. It has certainly been a great second half to the season, the squad is really working nicely and if we can keep that going we will be a force to be reckoned with next season."



SELECTED: Jamie Staff is hoping that he can impress at the World Championships in Manchester next week to boost his bid of making a final Olympic appearance at Beijing

World Championship challenge for Staff

OLYMPIC track cyclist hopeful Jamie Staff has been selected to represent Great Britain in front of his home crowd at the World Track Cycling Championships in Manchester next week.

Staff had been awaiting the announcement of the sprint team to compete in the event after all the riders were given a trial last week. The Ashford rider joins Chris Hoy, Jason Kenny, Matt Crompton and Ross Edgar in the squad to do battle against the rest of the world at the Manchester Velodrome.

The 35-year-old has good memories of the

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World Championship after picking up gold in the team sprint in 2002 and 2005. He also became keirin world champion in 2004.

Staff told Yourashford: "I'm really excited, it will definitely be an advantage to have the home crowd cheering the British riders on. Once you get going there is nothing better than hearing the roar of the crowds."

"I think the French squad will be the favourites in the team sprint competition but our training has been going really well."

The Great Britain team have still not announced the trio who will be racing at the Beijing Olympics this summer. Staff has admitted this year will be his last chance to finally complete his medal collection with an Olympic triumph.

He added: "A good run at the World Championships would definitely put me in good stead ahead of this Olympic year. It really is a chance to show the selectors what you can do. There is a lot of pressure, each rider is trying to do their best and get picked for the Olympics. The pressure in a way is good as it spurs me on."

The World Track Cycling Championships begin on March 26.

New crash setback for Camier

SUPERBIKES

BRITISH Superbike young gun Leon Camier suffered a setback in his return to action from injury, when he crashed in the second Airwaves Ducati test in Spain.

The Ashford-born rider has been fighting to regain fitness after breaking his leg and pelvis in August during a race last season at Cadwell Park. The crash caused him to miss the last two remaining meetings of the season.

However, this latest crash, which happened last Wednesday, has caused him to miss out on the final day of the test at the Calafat circuit near Barcelona.

According to Camier, strong winds hindered his entry to the chicane and forced him to go over the handle bars, damaging his arm and shoulders.

Camier said: "I am feeling all right, I have damaged the back of my arm and my shoulder but I don't think it is too serious. I felt sore so I wasn't able to go out and carry on."

Before the crash he had completed 124 laps of the Spanish track with team mate Shane Byrne. It was the Sheppey rider who set the fastest time of the test with a lap of 1:24.90.



SET BACK: Leon Camier hopes to be fully fit for the season opener despite crashing in a test session in Spain

Camier added: "It was disappointing as before I crashed I had a bit of a breakthrough. I was getting quicker, feeling more confident and despite the wind I was pushing hard. On the whole it has been a good test and the bike is feeling more like my own now."

Camier believes he will be in the best shape possible when the British Superbike Championship begins at Brands Hatch on April 6. Before the meeting the Airwaves Ducati team will have a final shakedown run at Snetterton this weekend.

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Keeping it in the family

ONE of Steve Lovell's first moves as Ashford Town manager was to bring his son, Mark, in from Dover Athletic to add some much needed firepower to the Nuts and Bolts frontline. The move is already looking like a shrewd one.

Since arriving at Homelands, the striker has regularly found the net and instantly struck up a lethal partnership with Paul Jones, and he has no regrets about leaving the Dover promotion bandwagon.

He said: "I found myself on the bench at Dover so when the chance came up to come here I jumped at it and it has been brilliant. The team spirit is superb and growing all the time and from a personal point of view, I'm scoring goals in a team that will get stronger and stronger."

The Lovell-Jones partnership has yielded 11 goals this term and Lovell believes they compliment each other well on the pitch.

"Jonah [Jones] is a good lad, he holds the ball up really well but he is quite deceptive really because despite all his hold-up play he has great pace and loves running at defenders," he said.

"He's great to play up there with, actually he has been giving me a bit of stick saying he has set-up 90 per cent of my goals and is waiting for me to line one up for him, but I'm claiming an assist for his goal against Dover. I knocked it down before he put it in from 35-yards."

With promotion probably out of reach for Ashford this term, Lovell is convinced next season will be a totally different story and believes the players will have to perform to be part of the plans for the campaign.

He said: "Everyone has a feeling next season will be a good one. I know the manager wanted a play-off place when he came here but that hasn't happened. We certainly haven't under-achieved but we know next season we will be a threat. We need to keep performing though for the rest of this campaign as there will be many places up for grabs next season and we will need to be geared-up from the beginning."

If the strike partnership of Lovell and Jones can continue into next season then the Nuts and Bolts will be in with a shout.

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